

# DOVER

## St Martins School

Dover  
Kent

The impressive Great War memorial plaque was unveiled on 11 November 1921 by Sir Edwin Wood Thorp Farley, M.B.E., who had been the Mayor of Dover throughout the war years. It was jointly dedicated by the Vicar of St. Martins, the Reverend Edward Colles Robinson, and by the Pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Dover, the Reverend Walter Holyoak.

### The Great War

1914 – 1919

**AMOS, RICHARD.** Gunner, 910182.

1072nd Battery, 222nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 21 January 1918. Aged 21.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Kirkee, India, 1914-1918 Memorial. Face A, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Richard was a former Dover, Kent based member of the Territorial Force, Royal Field Artillery, and is the casualty commemorated in the 1st/3rd Kent 'C' 1072nd Battery, 222nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, Book of Tributes. The impressive book is fortunately in the safe keeping of the Dover Museum, Market Square, Dover, Kent, CT16 1PB. He is commemorated in the book as Gunner, 1096, R. AMOS. Died Bombay, India 21 January 1918. The regimental number as entered in the book is Richard's former number which is obviously both understandable and acceptable, but the variance in the date of his demise is different to that as commemorated by the CWGC, which is recorded as occurring on 27 June 1918. Unlike the vast majorities of the thousands of commemorations we have researched over the years, we have not entered the CWGC date, as after locating Richard's casualty card entry details, it shows that he died of Colitis at the Simla Military Hospital, Northern India, on 21 January 1918 and buried in Simla Old Cemetery. Unfortunately as is so often the case when checking old documentation, some of Richard's is not very clear, but it shows that he had enlisted in 1912, and had embarked from the United Kingdom on 29 October 1914, and previously had been hospitalized whilst serving in Mesopotamia, possibly for a period of 9 months?

**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 the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BRETT, CHARLES MICHAEL.** Rifleman, 47046.

3rd Company, 18th (Service) Battalion, (Arts and Crafts) King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Died 3 October 1918. Aged 22.

Born Rochester, Kent. Enlisted Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Brett of Dover, Kent.

Husband of Evelyn Violet Brett of Myrtle Cottage, Trinity Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Buried Haringhe (Bandagem) Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: III. B. 49.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BRINKWORTH, JOHN WILLIAM.** Private, CH/20337.

Royal Marine Depot (Deal), Royal Marine Light Infantry

Died 15 January 1916. Aged 18.

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 the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. John died of Pneumonia whilst a patient in the Infirmary at the Royal Marine Depot, Deal, Kent.

**BROWN, ALFRED.** K/17384. Stoker, 1st Class.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Formidable."

Died 1 January 1915. Aged 21.

Born Dover, Kent 27 March 1893.

Son of Henry and Marion Brown, of 11, Winchelsea Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 11, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Alfred's 15,250 tons pre-Dreadnought Battleship, was sunk by two torpedoes from the German submarine U-24 commanded by Rudolf Schneider, when she was about 20 miles off Start Point, Devon at approximately 0200 hours on New Years Day 1915. The first torpedo hit the number one boiler port side; and a second explosion caused the ship to list heavily to starboard. Huge waves thirty feet high lashed the stricken ship, with strong winds, rain and hail, sinking it in less than two hours. Captain Arthur. N Loxley R.N., his second-in-command, Commander Charles F. Ballard R.N., and the signaler stayed at their posts throughout the sinking and continued sending flares and rockets off at regular intervals. It has been recorded that there was no panic amongst the crew, and that officers and ratings calmly waited for the lifeboats to be lowered. Snippets gleaned from reports show that someone played ragtime on the piano, others sang and that the ships Chaplain risked his life going below to find cigarettes. Suddenly the ship gave a tremendous lurch, the Captain shouted "Lads, this is the last, all hands for themselves, and may God bless

you and guide you to safety.” He then walked to the forebridge, lit a cigarette and, with his terrier Bruce on duty at his side, calmly waited for the end, in true Royal Naval tradition. Only 199 men were saved out of the ships complement of about 750, H.M.S. Formidable was on exercises at the time of her loss and has the sad distinction of being the first British battleship to be sunk in the Great War.

**BROWN, RICHARD.** Private, 10318.

7th (Extra Reserve) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 29 May 1917. Aged 21.

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

Son of Esther Rye of 139, Albert Road, North Woolwich, London.

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

Grave Ref: XII. B. 34

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BROWN, V.A.E.** The best match for this casualty appears to be the following:-

**BROWN, VICTOR.** Corporal, 23410.

2nd Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers.

Died 1 July 1916.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent. Resided Sheffield, Yorkshire.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 3 C, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. Also commemorated 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. On 30 June 1916 the 2nd Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers left the comparative safety of their camp at Bertrancourt and moved into the assembly positions just to the north of the Somme village of Mailly-Mallet, it being in preparation for the massed attack on the following day. Between 0800 hours and 0830 hours the battalion advanced and eventually successfully crossed the enemy line south of their formidable position called The Quadrilateral. Inevitably the Germans soon mounted a concerted counter attack, and despite stiff resistance put up by Victor's battalion in an attempt to hold on to what had been gained a withdrawal was made under the cover of darkness during the night. Victor is numbered amongst the 368 casualties which were inflicted on the 2nd Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers on the first day of the 'Battle of the Somme 1916,' of that total number sixty five were deaths amongst the other ranks.

**CLIFTON, JOHN EDWARD.** Private, L/10250.

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

Died 1 July 1916.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Son of Henry and Louisa. M Clifton.

Buried Dive Copse British Cemetery, Sailly-Le-Sec, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: II. B. 22. Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

At the time of the 1901 census the Clifton family was residing at 3 Avenue Road, Dover, Kent, with 46 year old Merchant Seaman Henry Clifton, a native of Bexhill, Sussex as the Head of the house.

**COOK, W.** No clear trace, but is also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**COOMBS, E.** Best match is a soldier who possibly resided in Dover that has his surname spelt differently depending on what data is checked:-

**COOMBES, ERNEST AUGUSTUS.** Gunner, 38488.

68th Battery, 14th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 25 September 1914. Aged 28.

Born London. Enlisted Dover, Kent.

Husband of Catherine Coombes of 13, Buxton Road, Stratford, London.

Buried Neuilly-sur-Seine New Communal Cemetery, Courbevoie, Hauts-de-Seine, France. Grave Ref: 4. 17. 14.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**DENNETT, T.S.** No clear trace including several variants of initials and surname. The sole DENNETT casualty so far located with a Dover connection is:-

**DENNETT, JOHN.** Gunner, 194248.

350th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 3 August 1918. Aged 35.

Born Ash, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.

Son of William and Hannah Dennett, of Ash, Canterbury, Kent.

Husband of Lucy Elgar (formerly Dennett) of Wass Farm, Westmarsh, Canterbury, Kent.

Buried Solferino Farm Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: II. D. 10.

Formerly Sapper, WR/29566, Royal Engineers.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

At the time of the 1910 census, William and Lucy Dennett were residing at 15 Pioneer Road, Buckland, Dover, Kent.

NB. It should be noted that when trying variations of the above casualties surname for both world wars in the hope of establishing a 'Dover' connection, Sergeant V.C DANNANT RAF (VR) who died on 1 March 1941 was noted whose parents were Dover residents. Regrettably he is not commemorated on the Dover civic war memorial.

**DENNIS, C.G.** As commemorated on the war memorial is **probably**:-

**DENNIS, GEORGE CYRIL.** Rifleman, 49415.

1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 11 November 1918. Aged 18.

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

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

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

Grave Ref: IX. E. 9.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**DUNCAN, A.** As commemorated at the school is probably the following casualty who is also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**DUNCAN, ALBERT HENRY.** Private, L/9906.

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

Died 13 October 1915.

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

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

**DUNN, ARTHUR RUBERT.** Corporal, 13030.

4th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment,

Died 23 April 1917.

Born Dover, Kent. Enlisted London. Resided Ilford, Essex.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 6, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**DUNN, HORACE LEONARD.** Private, 3306.

1/1st, City of London Yeomanry (Rough Riders).

Died 11 April 1916. Aged 19.

Born St Martin's, Kent. Enlisted Finsbury Square. Resided Ilford, Essex.

Buried Suez War Memorial Cemetery, Suez, Egypt. Grave Ref: D. 43.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Horace's place of birth is probably indicative of the St Martin's area of Dover, Kent. Place of enlistment is of significance as pre Great War, (about 1912) Finsbury Square, Islington, London became the location of Horace's regiments headquarters.

The original 1/1st initially served as dismounted infantry at Gallipoli, where it participated in the 'Battle of Scimitar Hill.' The Yeomanry suffering heavy casualties prior to being evacuated to Egypt in December 1915, after which it moved to Salonika in November 1916. Following its return to Egypt in 1917, the regiment participated in the Allied advance into the Ottoman Empire controlled Palestine. In 1918 it formed E Battalion, Machine Gun Corps which served on the Western Front.

**EAVES, ALFRED THOMAS.** Lieutenant. (Acting Captain).

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

Died 3 October 1916.

Husband of Mrs Eaves of 196 Folkestone Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D, and on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

Formerly Second Lieutenant, East Surrey Regiment. Gazetted December 1914.

Also commemorated 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. Raised in June 1915 the 10th (Service) Battalion, (Battersea) The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) underwent almost a whole year in training prior to going to the Western Front. Having left Aldershot on 5 May 1916 aboard three trains which arrived at Southampton later the same day the battalion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel R. Oakley then sailed for Le Harve, arriving the following day, from where the battalion left by train for Steenbecque, from Steenbecque the battalion marched

to Outtersteene, Bailleul, Nord, later moving back to Steenbecque and took up position in the Ploegsteert area of Belgium where the battalions first casualties occurred. Most of the battalions' locations were in an area on the French/Belgium border for many months which the prime reason the battalion never played a part in the earliest actions of the Battle of the Somme 1916. Around the middle of August 1916 a succession of moves were made by Thomas's battalion, initially to Notteboom, then via Pont-Rémy a move was made to Buigny l'Abbé where several days were spent, after which another move was undertaken to the Dernancourt, Somme area by way of Longpré les Amiens. Eventually the battalion camped about half a mile to the north of Méaulte to the south of the town of Albert on 9 September 1916. From the camp at Méaulte the battalion went to the Pommiers Redoubt on 13 September, and from there to trenches located to the north east of Delville Wood. Two days after occupying the trenches the battalion was involved in an attack undertaken in conjunction the other three battalions which made constituted their (124th Infantry Brigade), they being the 21st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, and the 26th and 32 nd Battalion's, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Initially little resistance was experienced during the day of the attack which had got under way at zero hour 0620 hours, with a position called Switch Trench being captured by 0700 hours, and only a mere hour an hour later part of Flers Trench also fell to the four assaulting battalion's, by 0850 hours the capture of the that trench complex was completed in unison with the taking of Flers Avenue, to cement their successes later enemy counter attacks were all repulsed. Confirmation of the successful outcome was given by Lieutenant Colonel R. Oakley to the rear echelon at about 1900 hours when he arrived back for treatment for his wounds, at which time he also reported that his battalion had sustained huge casualties throughout the day, and that in his opinion probably only about 50 all ranks were not casualties. Reading through documents appertaining to the battalion relating to the action involving the capture and holding on to them prior to being withdrawn on 19 September, they all bear out the battalions Commanding Officers estimate regarding casualties. In excess of 300 had been casualties and of their number almost 70 had either been killed in action or died of wounds over the three days of 15 & 17 September, regrettably and probably inevitably others succumbed to their wounds inflicted over the same two days over quiet a long time span after being evacuated the front the line of the Somme. At the start of October the battalion moved forward to the front line again via Pommiers Redoubt to a position named Gird Lines, where the battalion was subjected to fairly continuous fire of all types which included enemy artillery from beyond the Thillooy Road area. From reading the battalion history of the days events it would seem likely that Alfred had been an officer in 'D' Company, which had fared particularly badly after leaving Gird Trench to occupy the positions held by the 21st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps. Shortly after starting the execution of the order to relieve the Riflemen, fresh orders were issued to 'D' Company to render assistance to the four battalions of an attack that was being carried out to it front. Almost from the outset problems occurred not least of which was the difficulty in communications, including that to their own 124th Infantry Brigade Head Quarters, with messages taking a full five hours to be received by the rear echelon from the front. Rumours were rife along the lines that the whole of 'D' Company had been annihilated, which as it transpired was fortunately untrue and only a single officer death is shown, who was killed by a shell

whilst consolidating a captured position under during a period of heavy enemy shelling, the officer referred to **probably** being Captain Alfred Eaves.

**EVANS, V.S.** Best match found for this casualty as commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial, and also St. Martins School, Dover, Kent memorial plaque is:-

**EVANS, SAMUEL VICTOR DUKE.** Private, TF/202203.

1/7th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Middlesex Regiment.

Died 24 September 1916. Aged 20.

Born Ceylon. Enlisted Sevenoaks, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.

Son of Major F. and Mrs. E. A. Evans of 30, Vale View Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 12 D.

Please note similar regimental number of Thomas Erry who died serving in the same battalion. In addition to Samuel only two other ranks lost their lives on the day that he did, on a day that their battalion had been withdrawn from a trench which was jointly held by them and the GERMANS! Just over a week before his death, Samuel's battalion had been in action at Bouleaux Wood located between Combles and Ginchy; at 0820 hours on 16 September 'A' and 'C' Companies had moved forward and in the regimental history of the battalion written by Colonel E.J. King (Harrison and Sons, 1927), he states that in a moment they were practically annihilated, leaving just 25 men. Without any hesitation on their part, the officers and other ranks of 'B' and 'D' Companies then advanced but were also subjected to heavy enemy fire, and also records that from an attacking strength of about 500, approximately 300 became casualties including 125 killed in action. Checking SDGW shows that the Colonel had in fact been remarkably accurate, as it shows 122 other ranks deaths on that date, in addition to which ODGW shows 7 officers. Following this action, those able so to do went to Falfemont Farm followed by Maltz Horn Farm and to front line trench to the north west of Bouleaux Wood, into which a tank had previously fallen and remained there. It was in this trench complex that the battalion remained with the stranded tank separating them from the enemy soldiers on the other of the machine side occupying the same trench until the day of Samuel's death.

**FOURRE, G.** No trace of this casualty has been found when checking CWGC, O/SDGW, MIC or Royal Navy Register of Seamen's Services. In addition to which several 'Rolls of Honour' in book form have been checked but regrettably to no avail.

**FRIEND, WILLIAM ROBERT.** Private, G/235.

"C" Company, 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment),

Died 2 August 1918. Aged 21.

Born enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Son of James and Sarah Ann Friend of 4, Maxton Hill Cottages, Folkestone Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 17, and Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

It might be that William was a twin, as a family with the surname Friend having a James and Sarah as the parents are shown on the 1901 census, residing at Apiary Cottage,

Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent five children are shown as being at home, the youngest being 4 year old Richard.

**GABBE, F.** No trace.

**GATES, HORACE JOHN.** Second Lieutenant.

16th Wing, Royal Flying Corps.

Died 19 November 1917. Aged 26.

Son of William Henry and Norah Amy Gates of 197, Folkestone Road, Dover, Kent.

Buried Struma Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave Ref: I. X. 3.

Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

Formerly Private, 2173, Royal East Kent Yeomanry and Private, 270259, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

**GLAYZER, FRANK.** Private, L/11072.

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

Died 27 August 1918. Aged 19.

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

Son of Mr. P. F. and Mrs. C. Glayzer of 15, Winchelsea Terrace, Dover, Kent.

Buried Méaulte Military Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: F. 3.

Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**HALL, F.** No clear trace, but is probably also the casualty commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**HUNTER, T.** No clear trace, but is probably also the casualty commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**JACKSON, THOMAS DOUGLAS.** Leading Aircraftman, 6665.

52 Squadron. Royal Air Force.

Died 13 February 1919. Aged 21.

Born Dover, Kent

Son of Thomas Edward and Mary Jackson of 4, Malmain Road, Maxton, Dover, Kent.

Buried Valenciennes (St. Roch) Communal Cemetery, Nord, France.

Grave Ref: II. B. 30.

Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

Thomas was a victim of the worldwide influenza pandemic of 1918-1919. It has been estimated that throughout the world over seventy million people died of the influenza pandemic. In India alone, more people died of influenza than were killed all over the world during the entire Great War years of carnage. At the time of the 1901 census the Jackson family resided at 16 Norman Street, Dover, Kent, Thomas's father who was born in Scotland was recorded as aged 59 and a Draper.



**KNOTT, THOMAS JAMES.** Sapper, 22520.  
23rd Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 25 January 1915. Aged 24.  
Born Hougham, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Son of Ernest and Kate Knott of Folkestone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 1, and on  
Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**LANDALL, HERBERT HAROLD.** Private, 76932.  
9th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 12 May 1918. Aged 18.  
Son of Richard and Bertha Landall of Forge House, Lyminge, Folkestone, Kent.  
Born and enlisted Dover, Kent. Resided Folkestone, Kent.  
Buried Maily Wood Cemetery, Maily-Maillet, Somme. France. Grave Ref: II. K. 6.  
Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.  
Formerly Private, 75270, 107th Training Reserve Battalion.

**LETTY, REGINALD RICKARD.** Lance Corporal, 19796.  
6th (Service) Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment.  
Died 23 August 1918.  
Born Stonehouse, Devonshire. Enlisted Devonport, Devonshire.  
Commemorated on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 7, and on  
Dover, Kent civic war memorial.  
Formerly Private, 38093, Devonshire Regiment.

**LEWRY, E.J.** Only a single E Lewry is commemorated by the CWGC but appears not to be an obvious good match in relation to Dover, regrettably SDGW shows no place of residence, which might be particularly relevant to this casualty commemorated below. It should however be pointed out that an Edward J. Lewry residing at 66 Clarendon Street, Dover, Kent, but the son of Charles and Eliza Lewry was noted on the 1901 census.

**LEWRY, ERNEST.** Trooper, 2965.  
1st Life Guards.  
Died 31 October 1914. Aged 21.  
Born Hurst, Sussex. Enlisted Brighton.  
Son of Alfred and Lucy Lewry of 1, St. George's Terrace, Hurst Wickham, Hassocks, Sussex.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 3, and Dover, Kent civic war memorial, also commemorated on Hurstpierpoint, Sussex civil war memorial.

Surgeon-Major R.M. Cowie made brief mention of Ernest's demise in his private diary when recording the events of the 31 October 1914, an extract of which says, "Regiment in the trenches E. of WYTSCHAETE, 1st Life Guards Squadron on the right of the line, the machine gun holding the extreme of their flank at the Cross roads to MESSINES (S.) and OOSTAVERNE (E.), the trenches running along the Eastern or further side of St. ELOI road. There are a few casualties in the evening-Trooper LEWRY being killed, IMPLETON and two others wounded. All day the high explosive shells were bursting

over WYTSCHAETE, especially directed at the wood N.W. and the KEMMEL road. At nightfall incendiary shells came whizzbanging into the village.” The Surgeon-Major goes on to record more of the day/nights events, and finishes by saying how very young many of the Germans were. The officer writing the official 1st Life Guards war diary for the day had apparently not been made fully of all (albeit light) casualty roll, as he recorded Killed-Nil. Wounded-3896 Private Simpson. The man referred to as wounded was Private W. Simpson of the 1st Dragoon Guards, one of several Dragoons, Dragoon Guards and Hussars attached.

**MARTIN, RICHARD.** Private, L/10484.

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

Died 10 September 1916.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

In view of Richard’s regimental number prefix it would appear that he was a regular soldier of his regiment, despite which no trace of a commemoration for him has been accessed from the CWGC. Various checks have made to match any CWGC with the SDGW data as sometimes this differential occurs. All 2117 MARTIN, 34 MARTYN, 14 MARTINS and 1 MARTINNE surnames have been checked with nil results. Richard’s MIC entry re rank, regimental number and his Christian and surnames match the SDGW, as does The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) Great War Nominal Roll war deaths. As we have located several officers and other ranks who are not named on the latter roll, which appears to stop at the Armistice, as does the O/SDGW, Richard appears to be yet another casualty still not commemorated by the CWGC, as such we will be submitting his case for official state commemoration.

**MASTERS, N.C.** No trace.

**McLOUGHLIN, FREDERICK.** Private, 38273.

16th (Service) Battalion, (3rd Birmingham) Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Died 23 August 1918. Aged 19.

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

Son of Mrs. E. R. McLoughlin of 28, Maxton Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated in Lebuquiere Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.

Special Memorial I. Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**NEILL, CHARLES S.** Private, S/10607.

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

Died 30 November 1918. Aged 22.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. H. Neill of 9, Westbury Road, Dover, Kent.

Born Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Buried Hamburg Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref: VI. C. 7.

Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

SDGW records date of death as occurring on 1 November 1918. As Charles’s battalion did not cross the German frontier as part of the Army of Occupation until 2 December. Irrespective of true date of Charles demise it would seem likely that he was a former prisoner of war. In 1923 it was decided that the graves of Commonwealth servicemen

who had died all over Germany should be brought together into four permanent cemeteries, and Hamburg, which is located within the large civil cemetery that is known locally as 'Ohlsdorf Cemetery' was one of those selected, after which burials were brought into the cemetery from 120 different burial grounds which were scattered throughout Schleswig-Holstein, Mecklenburg, Oldenburg, Hanover, Saxony, Brunswick and Westphalia.

**PETIT, E.** No trace.

**PHIPPS, FREDERICK EDWARD.** Lance Corporal, 8713.

2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)

Died 5 April 1915. Aged 31.

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

Buried St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave Ref: A. 7. 10.

Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**PINK, DONALD STUART.** Corporal, G/7000.

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

Died 2 June 1916. Aged 20.

Born Ayr, Scotland. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Son of Ernest and Edith Morrison Pink of 26, Fisher Street, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Bailleul Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: II. B. 136.

Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**REEDER, ROBERT.** Captain (and Flight Commander).

Royal Flying Corps. And 10th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Manchester Regiment.

Died 6 January 1918. Aged 24.

Son of Captain R. J. Reeder (Royal Engineers) and Lilian Maud Reeder of 19A, Emmanuel Road, Balham, London.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No.1, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: IV. A. 12. Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**RICH, FREDERICK.** Private, G/25996.

11th (Service) Battalion, (Lambeth) The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 3 October 1918.

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

Buried Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: III. B. 28. Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

Formerly Private, 30601, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

**SEDGEWICK, ERNEST CHARLES.** Private, L/9885.

2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)

Died 28 September 1915.

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

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 15 or 19, and on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**STOKES, LEONARD LINDSAY.** Private, G/4800.

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

Died 15 September 1916.

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

Buried Guillemont Road Cemetery, Guillemont, Somme, France. Grave Ref: IX. N. 4.

Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**WILLIS, A.** Probably this casualty is the following Dover soldier who is commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial, and on St. Martins School, Dover, Kent Great War memorial plaque by his second initial. On numerous occasions with similar instances of second initial commemorations, when contacting the relevant family for additional details appertaining to a casualty, it has been found to indicate the name with which he or she was usually known. It seems to have occurred a lot of times when a father and son (usually eldest) have matching first Christian names. Sometimes however it is simply due to human error on the part of Monumental Masons etcetera.

**WILLIS, THOMAS ARTHUR.** Gunner, 54881.

147th Battery, 15th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died at sea 17 April 1915.

Born Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Enlisted Dover, Kent.

Son of Mr and Mrs Willis of 31 Longfield Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Greece. Panel 22.

Thomas was numbered amongst the 51 lost on the Aegean Sea from the 6,849 ton chartered Red Star Line vessel SS Manitou, which was in use for British Military Transport, between 1915 and 1921. During the attempted torpedoing of the ship, the Turkish torpedo-boat "Dhair Hissar" which had escaped from Smyrna, Greece, stopped the vessel and ordered the troops onboard to abandon ship, prior to two torpedoes being fired at her. When the lifeboats were clear of the SS Manitou, the Turkish Captain of the "Dhair Hissar" fired both torpedoes at the ship, both of which fortunately missed. Shortly after the confrontation, the Turkish torpedo-boat was then driven off and run ashore by Royal Navy destroyers which had come up to render assistance, which ultimately resulted in the crew of the "Dhair Hissar" being captured. Regrettably during the hastily executed evacuation of the SS Manitou, two of the life boats were tipped over and sank, resulting in the loss of the 51 people who were known to have perished.

Although not unique in Kent, and probably elsewhere, the final commemoration for the Great War related deaths says simply **THE UNKNOWN.**

# THE SECOND WORLD WAR

## 1939 – 1945

Regretably the war deaths relating to the Second World War former pupils of the school and possibly members of staff, are not commemorated individually, but simply as:-

ALSO OF THOSE OLD BOYS WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE DURING  
THE YEARS 1939-1945

