

Sydney was placed on the RAF Reserve list 10 May 1919. The RAF then report his death on 21 July 1919. The Royal Air Force listed his home address as –

Water Villa
Water Lane
EGERTON
Ashford
Kent

He was dead within 2 months of being placed on the reserve!

National Archives lists him as a RN man –

F20626 Sydney Charles HART. RN. Born Ashford (Kent). REF: ADM188/601 . 03 January 1893.

Sydney's name was referred to in the Kentish Express as being an Shadoxhurst man who lost his life in the Great War. Then we found his name on the now lost Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society war memorial. This used to hang in the branch office in Regents Place (now demolished).

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –
Kingsland, Egerton

L.M.R.H 220626 Sydney Charles HART. Royal Air Force.

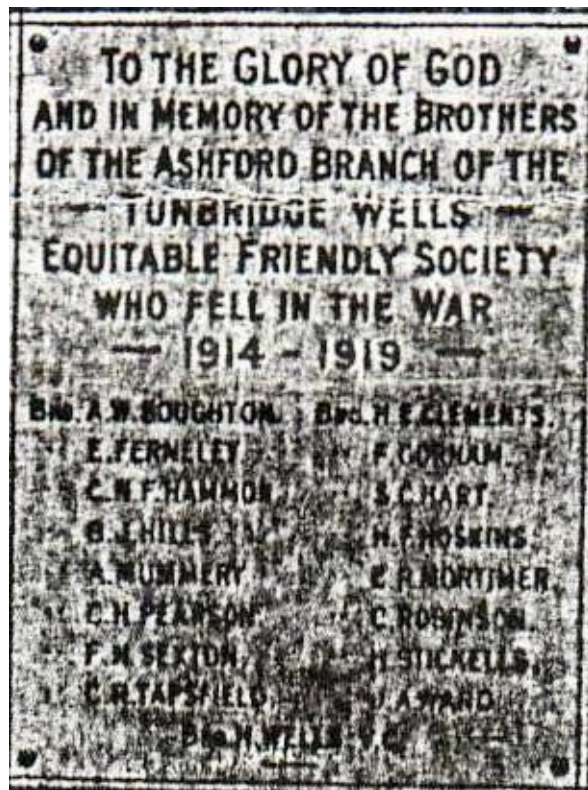
The 1901 Cenus gives –

Shadoxhurst

Thomas G	HART	48	Agricultural Labourer	Tenterden
Mary A		49		Woodchurch
Louisa		15		Shadoxhurst
Sydney C		8		Shadoxhurst

This man died only 2 months after being discharged from the Royal Air Force (RAF). It would be extremely harsh to deny this man a proper commemoration taking into account the circumstances and his war service. His service papers record his death which is good proof they were still monitoring him. The service papers also clearly state – “Casualty Card Destroyed” (Presumably After he Died).

We are convinced this man should have his name commemorated by the CWGC because he served his country throughout the Great War and died within 2 months of his discharge!



S.C Hart is listed above under H.F Hoskins