

Hever



Most people know of Hever, Edenbridge, Kent, because of its castle, and that it was the childhood home of its most famous inhabitant, Anne Boleyn. Opposite the main entrance to the castle, within the curtilage of the parish church of St. Peter and adjacent to the road is the location of the Hever civic war memorial.

The Great War

1914 -1919

BARTLETT, CECIL JAMES. Private, G/12095.

7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 11 October 1918. Aged 26.

Son of James William and Sarah Ann Bartlett of Warren Cottage, Hever, Kent.

Buried Hever (St. Peter) Churchyard. Grave Ref: 240.

BOAKES, HENRY SILAS. Private, G/31818.

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

Died 27 August 1918.

Born Hartford, Sussex. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Hever, Kent.

Son of Henry S. and Emily Boakes (nee Upton).

Buried Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt, Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. F. 13.

CLIFTON, DUDLEY GEORGE. Rifleman, O/32.

3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 21 March 1918.

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

Son of Percy David and Amy Elizabeth Clifton (nee Patten).

Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 81

COPPARD, WILLIAM HENRY. Driver, T/2089.

1/3rd Kent Fortress Company, Royal Engineers.

Died at sea 28 October 1915. Aged 33.

Born Brighton, Sussex. Enlisted Gillingham, Kent. Resided Hever, Kent.

Son of Frederick and Ruth Jane Coppard (nee Maskell) of 5, Drove Cottages, Patcham, Brighton, Sussex.

Husband of Alice M. Coppard of 33, Cromwell Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 23 to 25 or 325 to 328.

DIVALL, ALBERT EDWARD. Lance Corporal, L/9089.

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

Died 31 December 1916.

Born North West London. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.

Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 29.

HARRINGTON, EDGAR. Rifleman, Z/2855.
2nd Battalion, Rifle Brigade.
Died 31 July 1917. Aged 27.
Born and resided Hever, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of John and Eliza Harrington
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Panel 46 - 48 and 50.

OVELL, HENRY SAMUEL. Lance Serjeant, G/40347.
2nd Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.
Died 28 November 1917. Aged 33.
Born Dorking, Surrey. Enlisted Edenbridge, Kent. Resided Hever, Kent.
Husband of Ethel May Ovell of Thatched Cottage, Hever, Kent.
Buried Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: LVIII. A. 46.
Formerly Private, G/2422, Royal Sussex Regiment.

PENBERTHY, HERBERT WILLIAM. Private, TR10/181969.
51st Training Regiment Battalion.
Died 10 July 1918.
Born Croydon Surrey. Enlisted Hounslow, Middlesex.
Buried Hever (St. Peter) Churchyard. Grave Ref: 212.

WIGHTMAN, ARTHUR ERNEST. Lance Corporal, G/12479.
8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 21 March 1918.
Born Stockton, Wiltshire. Enlisted Edenbridge, Kent. Resided Hever, Kent.
Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 59.



The Second World War

1939 – 1945

BARNARD, FREDERICK. No clear trace, but only three casualties are commemorated by the CWGC with matching Christian and surnames, none of which show any family details. Two of the casualties were soldiers who are shown to have no obvious Kent connections, in/on the Army Roll of Honour-World War II. The other casualty was a member of the R.A.F. (V.R.), who has been entered below. Caution is advised should anybody carry out more detailed research on Hever civic war memorial, or this casualty at some later date.

BARNARD, FREDERICK VERNON. Sergeant, 1392675.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 35 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died 22 June 1943.

Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 141.

DANE, HENRY. D.S.O., A.M.I.E.E. Flight Lieutenant.

Malayan Volunteer Air Force.

Died 5 December 1942. Aged 49.

Son of Sir Louis Dane, G.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S., and of Lady Dane (nee Norman), Dame of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Husband of Victoria A. C. Dane (nee Wingate) of Edenbridge, Kent.

Buried Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan. Grave Ref: Brit. Sec. J. A. 11.

Formerly Queen Victoria's Own Corps of Frontier Force, in which Henry served during the Great War and had retired as a Captain. Henry had been the General Manager of the Perak River Hydro Electric Power Co., Malaya. In addition to the Distinguished Service Order which was posthumously awarded on 7 November 1946. When it was first formed in 1936, the Malayan Volunteer Air Force in which Henry served was originally titled The Straits Settlements Volunteer Air Force, and was renamed in August 1940. Operating mainly civilian aircraft such as the de Havilland Tiger Moth, Leopard Moth and Rapides, air crew and ground staff were primarily recruited from members of the Royal Singapore, the Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Perak Flying Clubs. Wartime necessities led to aircraft of Wearnes Air Service being requisitioned for service with the Malayan Volunteer Air Force.

FAULKNER, ERNEST. Corporal, 640724.

Royal Air Force.

Died 11 June 1942. Aged 21.

Son of Walter Goodwin Faulkner and Jessie Faulkner of How Green, Hever, Kent.

Buried Hever (St. Peter) Churchyard. Grave Ref: 321.

PAYNE, DESMOND. As commemorated on the Hever, Edenbridge, Kent, civic war memorial is probably the following casualty:-

PAYNE, DESMOND LUDLOW. Pilot Officer (Pilot), 33463.

Royal Air Force.

Died 8 January 1940.

Buried Penton Mewsey (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, Andover, Hampshire.

Grave Ref: By East boundary wall.

YARROW, GORDON PERCY. Flight Lieutenant, 72588.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 110 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died 30 March 1941. Aged 24.

Son of Alfred Ernest and Evelyn Yarrow of Hever, Kent.

Buried Hever (St. Peter) Churchyard. Grave Ref: 319.

Brother of the next casualty briefly commemorated.

YARROW, PETER MALCOLM. Ordinary Seaman, P/JX 234957.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Hood.

Died 24 May 1941. Aged 19.

Son of Alfred Ernest and Evelyn Yarrow of Hever, Kent.

Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 51, Column 2.

The Second World War

1939 – 1945

Lost Man

MORRIS, ARTHUR JAMES. Lieutenant, 174462.

7th Battalion, Manchester Regiment.

Died 30 April 1943. Aged 23.

Born and resided Hampshire.

Son of Colonel Arthur Joseph Morris M.B.E., and Mary Morris.

Husband of Phyllis Louisa Morris of Hever, Kent.

Buried Hever (St. Peter) Churchyard. Grave Ref: 323.







