

# LOWER HARDRES



Lower Hardres War Memorial

This memorial gives the man's initials, surname and unit. As with many other memorials like this the given details are not always correct. Often family members would give the unit they remember the man serving with when in fact that person had served in another at the time of death. Sometimes a man's rank

was given wrongly (a Second Lieutenant changed to a Lieutenant or a Lance Corporal changed to a Corporal). This was done for a variety of reasons but it was mainly as a consequence of ignorance of the correct rank structure.

## The Great War

1914 -1919

### BOWLES L

**Private G/8648 Lewis Frederick BOWLES. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 18<sup>th</sup> August 1916. Born Cheriton, Folkestone. Enlisted Dover. Resided Cheriton, Folkestone.

### COLEMAN W.R

**Stoker (2<sup>nd</sup> Class) K54448 W.R COLEMAN. H.M.S "Pembroke II", Chatham. Royal Navy (RN).** Died 20<sup>th</sup> October 1918.

### DIVERS A.W

**Private G/4968 Alfred William DIVERS. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 15<sup>th</sup> September 1916. Born Sevenoaks. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Lower Hardres.

### HOPKINS J

**Private 13406 John HOPKINS. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Grenadier Guards.** Died 24<sup>th</sup> December 1914 (Christmas Eve 1914). Born Lower Hardres. Enlisted Canterbury.

### HOPKINS S

**Private 12398 Stephen HOPKINS. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Grenadier Guards.** Died 9<sup>th</sup> November 1914. Born Kingston near Canterbury. Enlisted Canterbury.

### QUESTED W.J

**Gunner 3507 William John QUESTED. 63<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (RFA).** Died 5<sup>th</sup> November 1918 (1 week before the end of the war)! Born Petham. Enlisted Canterbury.

SURTEES C.G.V

**Lieutenant Charles Gordon Villiers SURTEES. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Border Regiment.** Died 26<sup>th</sup> October 1914 aged 22 years.

SUTTON W.H

**Private 11255 William Henry SUTTON. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.** Died 29<sup>th</sup> July 1916. Born Lower Hardres. Enlisted Canterbury.

TAPLEY M

**Private 260331 Malcolm TAPLEY. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Formerly (4566) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 4<sup>th</sup> October 1917. Born Lower Hardres. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Lower Hardres.

TOWNER A.W

**Private 4102 Arthur William TOWNER. 11<sup>th</sup> (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars.** Died 24<sup>th</sup> February 1915. Born Pembury, Tunbridge Wells. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Canterbury.

**The Second World War  
(1939 – 1945)**

HILLS H.G

**Sergeant H.G HILLS. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** – No Trace of this man on the CWGC website. It is likely that this man was killed serving in another non Buffs unit.

HOARE C.F

**Private C.F HOARE. 7<sup>th</sup> Home Guard, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).** – No Trace.

It is noted that a N.B HOARE is buried nearby in the Lower Hardres Churchyard. Oddly this man's name does not appear on the parish tribute.

HUBBARD E.E

**Leading Airman 922659 Ernest Edward HUBBARD. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (RAFVR).** Died 6<sup>th</sup> September 1943 aged 30 years.



HAMBROOK W.V

**Corporal 7689903 William Victor HAMBROOK. Provost Company, 18<sup>th</sup> Division, Corps of Military Police (M.P).** Died 11<sup>th</sup> July 1943 aged 37 years.

SMITH H.R.F

**Engine Room Artificer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (ERA.2) C/M 38794 Herbert Robert Fraser SMITH. H.M.S “Kittewake”, Royal Navy (RN).** Died 21<sup>st</sup> February 1944.

SARGEANT H.S

**Private 6284917 Henry S SARGEANT. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).** Died 21<sup>st</sup> February 1944.

FRANCIS F.E

**Petty Officer (PO) F.E FRANCIS. Royal Navy (RN). – No Trace.**

