

NEWENDEN



The Great War
1914 – 1919



BATES F.C

Private 53051 Frederick Charles BATES. 20th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Formerly (1285) Territorial Force. Died Monday 16th April 1917 aged 26 years. Born Newenden. Enlisted Hastings. Resided Northiam, Sussex. Son of William and Mary Ann Bates of Gate Court Cottage, Northiam, Sussex. Buried in the Heninel-Croisilles Road Cemetery, France. Grave reference I.B.5.

BOYCE H

Private G/4679 Henry Thomas BOYCE. 1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died Thursday 6th May 1915 aged 20 years. Born Sandhurst, Kent. Enlisted Hastings, Sussex. Resided Newenden. Son of Henry and Charlotte Boyce of "Halloween", Sandhurst, Hawkhurst, Kent. Henry has no known grave. His name appears on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. Panel reference 45 and 47.

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

Oak Cottage, The Moor, Hawkhurst

Bombardier 64516 Arthur William BOYCE. 40th Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

On the 2nd May 1915 the 1st battalion left Vlamertinghe for support lines near Brielen. On the 4th May they moved to a camp at Ouderdom. On the day that Henry died (6th May 1915) his battalion took part in unsuccessful night attacks on enemy trenches North of Hill 60. The battalion withdrew from frontline trenches on 8th May 1915 and went to Ypres for rest. It seems probable that Henry lost his life fighting near to Hill 60.

HEASEMAN A.W

Lance Corporal 2190 Alfred William HEASEMAN. 1st Battalion, Army Cyclist Corps. Formerly (669) Royal West Kent Regiment. Died Thursday 18th July 1918. Born Newenden. Enlisted Bromley. Resided Newenden. Son of Walter Heasman of Rother Cottage, Newenden, Ashford, Kent. Buried in the Sailly-Labourse Communal Cemetery Extension, France. Grave reference K.15.

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

White Cottage, Newenden

**Lance Corporal 2190 Alfred William HEASEMAN. Army Cyclist Corps.
Lance Corporal 240453 Herbert George HEASEMAN. 5th Royal West Surrey Regiment.**

The 1901 census gives –

Forge Hill Cottage, Newenden

Walter	HEASEMAN	51	Coachman	Cowfold, Sussex
Louisa		49		Hertfordshire
Alfred		15		Newenden
Edwin		14		Newenden
Frederick		12		Newenden
Herbert		8		Newenden
Ethel		7		Newenden



PIERCE P

Private G/4812 Percy Thomas PIERCE. D Company, 8th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died Sunday 3rd February 1918. Born Hawkhurst. Enlisted Hastings. Resided Newenden. Buried in the Hargicourt British Cemetery, France. Grave reference I.I.14.

From November 1917 to the middle of February 1918 the 8th West Kent's were in the vicinity of Corbie and Vadencourt.

The Regimental History gives the circumstances of Percy's probable demise – "On the night of the 3rd February D Company raided a German post known to the battalion as "Herbert's Post". Herbert was the nickname given to a succession of German sentries who had fallen prey to British snipers on sentry duty at this point. The raid was carried out by 2 parties both of which got in close and engaged the enemy inflicting a good many casualties. The right party was counter-attacked by the enemy who lined the pardsos of the trench. Second Lieutenant Carville and his men extracted his party shooting 2 enemy himself. Second Lieutenant Crighton commanding the Left party was hit and Sergeant Vanner took over. This enterprise cost a few casualties one of whom appears to have been poor Percy.

The officers above all got Military Crosses (MC) for this action. Sergeant Vanner was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM). The other men who took part got nothing...

ROBERTS C.H

I'm not entirely convinced this is the correct man -

Corporal M/279427 Charles Rowland ROBERTS. No 1 Motor Transport Depot, Army Service Corps (ASC). Formerly (868) West Kent Yeomanry. Died Friday 1st June 1917 aged 24 years. Born Walden, Sussex. Enlisted Tunbridge Wells. Resided Tunbridge Wells. Buried in the Tunbridge Wells Cemetery, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Grave reference B.9.61.

LOST MEN

UPTON F

Gunner 198636 Frederick (Fred) UPTON. 185th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA). Died Thursday 13th June 1918. Born Newenden. Enlisted Hastings, Sussex. Buried in the Thiennes British Cemetery, France. Grave reference Row B Grave 18.

