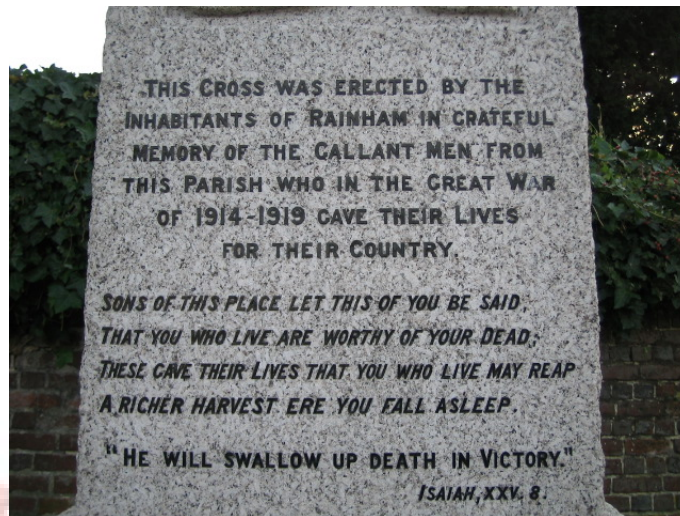


# RAINHAM





**"This cross was erected by the inhabitants of Rainham in grateful memory of the gallant men from this parish who in the Great War of 1914-1919 gave their lives for their country".**

## The Great War (1914 – 1919)

### PLATE 1

#### ANDERSON T.H

**Lance Corporal 1021 Thos Henry ANDERSON. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.** Died 14<sup>th</sup> September 1914 aged 28 years. Born Chatham. Enlisted Chatham. Son of Thomas Henry and Sarah Jane Anderson of 9 High Street, Rainham, Kent. Holder of the Delhi Durbar Medal. Commemorated on the La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.

#### ASHBY J.A.C

**Private 21670 John Albert George ASHBY. 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.** Died 14<sup>th</sup> April 1917. Born Eastchurch. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Rainham. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

#### BAKER B.J

**Private 435415 Bridges James BAKER. 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment).** Died 15<sup>th</sup> February 1917 aged 41 years. Born Oare, Faversham, Kent 16<sup>th</sup> November 1875. Enlisted Calgary, Alberta, Canada 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1915. Son of Bridges and Caroline Baker of Rainham, Kent. Buried locally in Rainham (St Margaret) Churchyard.

BAKER F

**Company Sergeant Major L/8781 Frank BAKER. DCM. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 15<sup>th</sup> September 1916. Born and resided Rainham. Enlisted Chatham.

**Frank's death is not recorded on the CWGC indexes. This needs looking into and correcting because his name does appear in Soldiers Died Great War!**

BAKER J.R

**Gunner 115922 James Robert BAKER. 157<sup>th</sup> Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA).** Died 21<sup>st</sup> July 1917. Born Rainham. Enlisted Holborn, London. Buried Kut War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave reference J.26.

BAKER P.G

**Guardsman 16380 Percy George BAKER. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Grenadier Guards.** Died 24<sup>th</sup> May 1915. Born Rainham. Enlisted Chatham. Buried Chocques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference I.C.63.

BARTLETT E (brother)

**Sapper 24809 E.J BARTLETT. 42<sup>nd</sup> Army Troops Company, Royal Engineers (R.E).** Died 19<sup>th</sup> March 1916. Age 23. Born Witney, Oxfordshire. Enlisted Chatham. Resided Lower Rainham. Son of John and Catherine Bartlett of Bloors Wharf Road, Lower Rainham, Kent. Buried Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave reference - II.B.6.

BARTLETT F.A (brother)

**Bombardier 140423 Frank Allan BARTLETT. 268<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.** Died 31<sup>st</sup> October 1918. Age 23. Born Bloxham, Oxfordshire. Enlisted Camberwell. Resided Peckham. Son of John and Catherine Bartlett of Bloors Wharf Road, Lower Rainham, Kent. Buried Vichte Military Cemetery, Anzegem, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference - I.B.21.

BLACK R.E

**Private 495226 Ralph Edgar BLACK. 2<sup>nd</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) (Territorial).** Died 17<sup>th</sup> May 1917. Age 20. Born Rainham. Enlisted Sittingbourne. Son of Alfred and Emily M. Black of 11 Hall Street, Colne, Lancashire. Buried Mory Abbey Military Cemetery, Mory, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference - I.F.8.



BLACKMAN W

**Private G/20187 Walter BLACKMAN. 16<sup>th</sup> (Sussex Yeomanry) Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.** Died 21<sup>st</sup> September 1918. Born Halling. Enlisted Gravesend. Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel reference 6.

BOLTON J

**Guardsman 27328 John BOLTON. 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Grenadier Guards.** Died 12<sup>th</sup> October 1917. Born Thurnham. Enlisted Chatham. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium. Panel reference 9.

BOTTING

**Private 19576 George BOTTING. 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.** Died 16<sup>th</sup> September 1916. Born Rainham. Enlisted Maidstone. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

BOWRA C.H

**Sergeant 36547 Cecil Henry BOWRA. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. Formerly (3807) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 25<sup>th</sup> April 1918. Age 20. Born Rainham. Enlisted Rainham. Son of Henry and Carrie Bowra of 162 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Buried Morbecque British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave reference - Plot I. Row D. Grave 5.

BURR S.F

**Guardsman 15348 Sidney Fred BURR. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Grenadier Guards.** Died 1<sup>st</sup> November 1914. Born Teynham. Enlisted Chatham. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.

CARTER E.C

**Private CH/15997 Ernest George CARTER. Royal Marine Light Infantry. (RMR/B/1983). H.M.S. "Aboukir".** Died 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1914 aged 25 years. Husband of Rose Elizabeth Rickard (formerly Carter) of 186 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference - 7.

CHAMBERS F.E

**Private 58953 Frederick Edwin CHAMBERS. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.** Died 4<sup>th</sup> November 1918. Age 19. Born Rainham. Enlisted Canterbury. Son of Robert and E.J. Chambers of Chapel Lane, Rainham, Kent. Buried Preux-Au-Bois Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave A.21.

CHAMPION H.J

**Private 5914 Horace John CHAMPION. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.** Died 6<sup>th</sup> August 1915. Age 19. Born Rainham. Enlisted Kingston, Surrey. Son of John and Charlotte Champion of Rainham, Kent. Buried La Treport Military Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave reference - Plot 1. Row G. Grave 2.

CHEAL F.J

**Stoker Petty Officer 286273 Frederick James CHEAL. HMS "Bacchante", Royal Navy (RN).** Died 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1919. Age 38. Husband of Rose Anne Cheal of 49 Ivy Street, Rainham, Kent. Buried nearby in the Rainham parish churchyard, Rainham, Kent.

CHEESEMAN A

**Private 9950 Albert CHEESEMAN. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers.** Died 24<sup>th</sup> February 1915. Age 25. Born Rochester. Enlisted Chatham. Resided Lower Rainham. Son of William and Selina Cheeseman of Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.

CHEESEMAN W.F

**Private TF/5819 William Frederick CHEESMAN. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.** Died 15<sup>th</sup> September 1916. Age 24. Born Sittingbourne. Enlisted Sittingbourne. Resided Rainham. Son of W and E Cheeseman of Rainham, Kent. Buried Combes Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave reference V.A.6.

CHITTENDEN C.A

**No Trace**

CLARKE W.S

**Chief Stoker 152417 William Spooner CLARKE. H.M.S “Vanguard”, Royal Navy. (RFR/CH/A/1694).** Died 9<sup>th</sup> July 1917. Husband of Amelia E.A. Clarke of 22 Tufton Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference - 23.

COE F

**Private F/2229 Frank COE. 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.** Died 10<sup>th</sup> October 1916. Age 26. Born Sittingbourne. Enlisted Aldershot, Hampshire. Resided Woolwich, London. Son of Henry Mark Coe and Elizabeth Geach (formerly Coe). Buried Warlencourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference - V.A.32.

COOK A.E

**Private S/10327 Arthur Edward COOK. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 28<sup>th</sup> September 1915. Age 18. Born Strood. Enlisted Chatham. Resided Gillingham. Son of Mr W and Mrs E Cook of 73 Gads Hill, Gillingham, Kent. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

COOMBER E.E

**Master at Arms 158275(CH) Ernest Edward COOMBER. Royal Navy. RFR/CH/A/1694). H.M.S “Campania”.** Died 28<sup>th</sup> May 1917. Buried Lyness Royal Naval Cemetery, Orkney. Grave reference D.15.

H.M.S. Campania was the former Cunard ship “RMS Campania” which was converted for use as an early aircraft carrier. she sank in the Firth of Forth on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1918 after colliding with a battleship.

COPPIN A

**Private 2682 Albert COPPIN. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers.** Died 24<sup>th</sup> May 1915. Age 19. Born Brightlingsea, Essex. Enlisted Chatham. Son of Charles H and Sarah A Coppin of 53 William Street, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium. Panel reference 33.

COUCHMAN F

**Sergeant SD/1015 Frank COUCHMAN. 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.** Died 20<sup>th</sup> September 1916. Age 21. Born Sittingbourne. Enlisted Hastings. Son of George and Caroline Couchman of Sittingbourne, Kent. Buried Auchonvillers Military Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave reference II.I.5

CRAMP E.C

**Able Seaman J/1668 Edwin George CRAMP. Royal Navy. H.M.S "Natal".** Died 30<sup>th</sup> December 1915 aged 24 years. Son of Robert Grambril and Annie Cramp of Lambeth, London. Husband of Ellen Frances Cramp of 14 Coopers Terrace, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 9.

CROUCHER R. G.

**Private 613075 Robert Gort CROUCHER. "A" Company, 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, London Regiment. Formerly Private (4148) 2/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)** Died 5<sup>th</sup> June 1917. Age 19. Born and resided Rainham. Enlisted Canterbury. Son of Mr and Mrs F Croucher of Rainham, Kent. Buried Woods Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium. Grave reference III.E.17.

CROUCHER W

**Private 42840 William CROUCHER. 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Essex Regiment. Formerly (10444) Bedfordshire Regiment.** Died 26<sup>th</sup> April 1918. Born Rainham. Enlisted Herne Bay. Resided Rainham. Son of Mr W Croucher of the Bell Inn, Sutton Road, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Gentelles French Military Cemetery, France. Grave plot unknown - Special Memorial 8 in Hangard Communal Cemetery, Somme, France.

DANIELS S.

**Gunner 755686 Sidney or Sydney DANIELS. "Y" 50<sup>th</sup> Trench Mortar Battery, Royal Field Artillery. Formerly Gunner (3007) Royal Field Artillery (R.F.A).** Died 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1918. Born Rainham. Enlisted Hull. Son of Mrs Caroline Daniels of 5 St Johns Cottages, Earls Court, Gillingham, Kent. Buried Glageon Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave reference- I.N.14.

DAVISON E.H

**Private G/20437 Edward Henry DAVISON. "A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.** Died 26<sup>th</sup> April 1916. Age 19. Born Hartlip. Enlisted Chelsea, London. Son of Edward George and Eliza Kate Davison of 75 Ivy Street, Rainham, Kent. Buried Cambrin Churchyard Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference K.6.

DRAIN J

**Trooper 408 Joe DRAIN. Household Battalion. Formerly (4207) 1<sup>st</sup> Life Guards.** Died 25<sup>th</sup> December 1916 (Christmas Day) aged 23 years. Born Strood, Kent. Enlisted Leamington. Resided Gillingham. Son of David and Emma Drain of The Cricketers Inn, Layfield Road, Gillingham, Kent. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Panel reference -Pier and Face 1A.

EAMES S

**Ordinary Seaman J/22307(CH) Sydney EAMES. Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Erin".** Died 20<sup>th</sup> December 1915. Buried Lyness Royal Naval Cemetery, Orkney. Grave B.1.

EDWARDS W.J.T

**Greaser William John Thomas EDWARDS. Mercantile Marine. H.M.H.T. Orsova (Glasgow).** Died 14<sup>th</sup> March 1917. Age 33. Son of John and Alice Isabelle Edwards of 207 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London.

ENGLAND C.H

**Leading Aircraftman 249558 Charles Henry ENGLAND. Royal Air Force. H.M.S. Vindictive.** Died 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1919. Age 19. Son of Mr C England of 91 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Buried Koivisto General Cemetery and commemorated on the Archangel Memorial, Russian Federation. Panel reference 7.

EVERS A

**Ship's Chief Cook 354463 Andrew Douglas EVERS. Royal Navy. H.M.S. Natal.** Died 30 December 1915. Age 37. Son of James and Alice Evers of Kelvedon, Essex. Husband of Annie Butler (formerly Evers) of 56 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 12.



FINNES E

**Lance Sergeant G/5521 Ernest FINNES. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1918. Age 33. Born Rainham. Enlisted Shepherds Bush, London. Resided Rainham. Son of Walter John and Lucy Finnes of Durland House, Rainham, Kent. Husband of Nellie Finnes of 149 Auckland Hill, West Norwood, London. Commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France. Panel reference 16.

FOSTER W.H

**Stoker 2<sup>nd</sup> Class K/31505 William Henry FOSTER. Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Pembroke".** Died 28<sup>th</sup> March 1916. Age 26. Son of Mrs Ann Elizabeth Foster of 7 Gordon Terrace, East Rainham, Kent. Buried nearby in the Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery. Grave reference - Naval. 24. 1260.

FRENCH J.R

**Private CH/16365 Joseph Robert FRENCH. Royal Marine Light Infantry. H.M.S. "Cressy".** Died 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1914. Age 31. Son of Joseph and Mary French of Portsmouth. Husband of Emma J.E. French of Lower Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 7.

GILBERT W

**Private T/4511 William GILBERT. "D" Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died India 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1916. Age 32. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Rainham. Son of William and Kate Gilbert of 27 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Buried Ranikhet New Cemetery. Commemorated on the Madras 1914-1918 War Memorial, Chennai, India. Face 7.

GILES G.W

**Private 63414 George William GILES. 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.** Died 29<sup>th</sup> October 1916. Born London. Enlisted and resided St Pancras, London. Brother of Mr E.H. Giles of Devonshire House, Newington, Kent. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

## PLATE 2

### GODDEN H

**Private S/9150 Harold GODDEN. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Queen`s Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).** Died 26<sup>th</sup> March 1915. Born Sittingbourne. Enlisted Chatham. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.

### GOLDSMITH F.W

**Shipwright 1<sup>st</sup> Class 91771 Frederick William GOLDSMITH. Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Wildfire".** Died 28<sup>th</sup> May 1920 **aged 61 years.** Husband of Sarah Goldsmith of 21 Junction Road, Gillingham, Kent. Buried nearby in the Sheerness (Isle of Sheppy) Cemetery, Kent. Grave reference EE.24.

Frederick was probably a long serving sailor who possessed skills that were in demand during the war. This may explain how a man of 61 came to be serving in the colours...

### GOODING I

**Gunner 122295 Ide GOODING. 256<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA). Formerly (1235) 2/1<sup>st</sup> (County of Kent), RGA.** Died 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1917. Age 21. Born Rainham. Enlisted Rochester. Resided Rainham. Son of Herbert Ide Gooding and Amy Gooding of 59 Broad Walk, Rainham, Kent. Buried Buffs Road Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium. Grave reference E.6.

### GOODWIN A.J

**No Trace**

### GOODWIN J.R

**Deck Hand 4477SD John Rayner GOODWIN. Royal Naval Reserve. H.M. Trawler Burnley.** Died 25<sup>th</sup> November 1916. Age 38. Son of George and Frances Goodwin of Lower Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 19.

GORE S.C

**Private G/2029 Sidney George GORE. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.** Died 10<sup>th</sup> October 1918. Born Sittingbourne. Enlisted London. Buried Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave reference I.A.17.

GREENHALCH H.F (incorrect spelling)

**Second Lieutenant Harold Fifield GREENHALGH. Royal Army Ordnance Corps.** Died 9<sup>th</sup> April 1918. Age 41. Son of John Greenhalgh of Preston. Husband of Mrs Annie Greenhalgh of "Templestowe" 141 Nelson Road, Gillingham, Kent. Buried Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinghe, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference X.A.3.

Harold was the former Headmaster of Rainham Council School, Rainham, Kent.

HADLOW A.B.

**Gunner 63217 Albert Bert HADLOW. Clearing Office, Royal Garrison Artillery (R.G.A).** Died 16<sup>th</sup> March 1918. Age 22. Son of George Thomas and Frances Mary Hadlow of Rainham, Kent. Buried locally in Rainham (St Margaret) Churchyard, Rainham, Kent.

HAIGH G.W

**Electrical Artificer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class M/3964 George William HAIGH. Royal Navy. H.M.S. Natal.** Died 30<sup>th</sup> December 1915. Age 25. Son of William and Florence Haigh (nee Flood) of 7 Glanville Road, Gillingham, Kent. Husband of Florence Haigh of 242 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 12.

HOLDSTOCK H.F.V

**Air Mechanic 3<sup>rd</sup> Class 199429 Herbert Frederick Victor HOLDSTOCK. Royal Air Force. Number 1 Supply Depot, RAF.** Died 21<sup>st</sup> February 1919. Buried nearby in Rainham (St Margaret) Churchyard, Rainham, Kent.

HOLDSTOCK L.S

**Private L/10448 Laurence Samuel HOLDSTOCK. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 7<sup>th</sup> April 1916. Age 18. Born Luton, Chatham. Enlisted Chatham. Resided Rainham. Son of Charles and Lavinia Holdstock of 41 Station Road, Rainham, Chatham, Kent. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

HOLLOWAY C.T (incorrect spelling)

**Gunner 915536 Thomas Charles HOLLOWAY. "D" Battery, 336<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.** Died 1<sup>st</sup> July 1917. Age 24. Enlisted and resided Sittingbourne, Kent. Son of Joseph Thomas and Caroline Holloway of 78 High Street, Rainham, Kent. Buried nearby in the Rainham (St Margaret) Churchyard, Rainham, Kent.

HUBBARD J.W

**Leading Seaman J/11372 James William HUBBARD. Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Lark".** Died 16<sup>th</sup> February 1918. Age 22. Son of James William Hubbard of 252 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 28.

KEUTENIUS J.W

**Leading Trimmer 3034ST James William KEUTENIUS. Royal Naval Reserve. H.M.P.M.S. "Ascot".** Died 10<sup>th</sup> November 1918. Age 34. Son of Edward and Jane Keutenius of 223 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference - 31.

H.M.P.M.S "Ascot" was a "Racecourse" Class **Paddle Steamer Minesweeper** which had the sad distinction of being the last RN vessel sunk by a U-boat in WW1. She was torpedoed off the Farn Islands.

KITNEY A.C

**Rifleman R/8062 Albert Charles Cyril KITNEY. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps ((K.R.R.C).** Died 6<sup>th</sup> July 1915. Born Rainham. Enlisted Chatham. Resided Rainham. Son of Mrs Sarah Kitney of Pump Lane, Lower Rainham, Rainham, Kent. Buried St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave reference A.6.32.

LOCKYER W.C or W.G?

**No Trace**

**Possibly this man** – Aircraft Mechanic 1<sup>st</sup> Class F/7129 Alfred George LOCKYER. Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS). Died 14<sup>th</sup> April 1917. Buried Plaine French National Cemetery, France.



MARTIN J.C

**Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class SS/104258 James Charles MARTIN. Royal Navy. (RFR/CH/B/8314) H.M.S “Derwent”.** Died 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1917. Age 28. Son of Mr and Mrs R Martin of Rainham, Kent. Husband of Winifred L. Martin of Doves Corner, Tilmanstone, Eastry, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 24.

MATTOCKS T

**Sergeant 682 Thomas MATTOCKS. 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.** Died 25<sup>th</sup> March 1918. Age 32. Son of G.T. Mattocks of Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 3.

MILLEN A

**Private G/21832 Albert MILLEN. 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen’s (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Formerly (24557) Northamptonshire Regiment.** Died 24<sup>th</sup> February 1917. Born Broughton, Faversham. Enlisted Faversham.

**Another man recorded on Soldiers Died Great War (Killed in Action) who appears not to have been placed on the CWGC index!**

NAYLOR M.E

**Private T/241836 Maurice Edmund NAYLOR. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 24<sup>th</sup> July 1917. Age 25. Born Rainham. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Rainham. Son of Alfred John and Elizabeth Charlotte Naylor of 35 London Road, Rainham, Kent. Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave reference X.D.12.

NICHOLS H

**Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class K/30487 HNichols. Royal Navy. H.M.S. “Pembroke”.** Died 28<sup>th</sup> April 1917 aged 19 years. Son of Mr and Mrs J Nichols of 73 Henry Street, Rainham, Kent. Buried nearby in the Rainham (St Margaret) Churchyard, Rainham, Kent.

NUTT H.W

**Rifleman 10945 Henry William NUTT. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, King’s Royal Rifle Corps (K.R.R.C).** Died 9<sup>th</sup> May 1915. Age 19. Born Chatham. Enlisted Chatham. Resided Rainham. Son of Louis and H.A. Nutt of 7 Tufton Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

ORCHARD J

**Petty Officer Stoker 170472 John ORCHARD. Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Princess Irene".** Died 27<sup>th</sup> May 1915. Age 49. Son of Joseph and Martha Orchard of Ladbury, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. Husband of Alice Orchard of 2 Percy Villas, Bredhurst Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 11.

PACK S.R

**Private G/35535 Sidney Robert PACK. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 7<sup>th</sup> October 1918. Age 19 Born Rainham. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Rainham. Son of Leonard and Emma Pack of 5 High Dewar Road, Rainham, Kent. Buried Bellicourt British Cemetery, Aisne, France. Grave reference VI.P.4.

PAUL L

**Farrier Sergeant 52089 Leonard PAUL. 5<sup>th</sup> "C" Reserve Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.** Died 25<sup>th</sup> May 1918. Age 29. Son of Harry and Mary Martha Paul of "Myrtle Cottage," Ivy Street, Rainham, Kent. Buried nearby in the Rainham (St Margaret) Churchyard, Rainham, Kent.

PAYNE C.H (brother)

**Corporal G/18889 Charles Henry PAYNE. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly (2620) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1917. Age 22. Born Chatham. Enlisted Tonypany, Wales. Son of John and Fanny Payne of 6 Flint Cottages, East Rainham, Kent. Buried Monchy British Cemetery, Monchy-le-Preux, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference I.J.16.

PAYNE J.F

**Private L/9784 John Francis PAYNE. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1915. Age 21. Born Curragh, Kilara, Ireland. Enlisted Chatham. Resided Rainham. Son of John and Fanny Payne of 6 Flint Cottages, East Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.

PENFOLD J.W

**Corporal 1187 Jesse William PENFOLD. Household Battalion. Formerly (3990) 1<sup>st</sup> Life Guards.** Died 12<sup>th</sup> October 1917. Age 21 Born Sittingbourne. Enlisted London. Resided Rainham. Son of Mrs S. Kohn of 272 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium. Panel reference 3.

**PLATE 3**

PILCHER E

**Driver 110286 Ernest PILCHER. 56<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Small Arms Ammunition Section, Royal Field Artillery (RFA).** Died Iraq 13<sup>th</sup> September 1916 aged 18 years. Born Ashford. Enlisted Sittingbourne. Son of Ernest and Annie E Pilcher of 2 "Gladwyn", Bredhurst Road, Rainham, Kent. Buried in the Basra War Cemetery, Basra, Iraq. Grave reference VI.W.17.

RALPH G.

**Private 33546 George RALPH. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.** Died 18<sup>th</sup> July 1917. Age 19. Born Rainham. Enlisted Canterbury. Son of Edward and Clara Ralph of Court Farm Cottages, West Wickham, Kent. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel reference - Bay 6.

RAY W

**Sapper 912 Wilfred RAY. No 4 (Kent Fortress) Field Company, Royal Engineers (RE).** Died 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1914. Age 17. Born Eastwell, Ashford. Enlisted Gillingham. Resided Rainham. Son of William and Mary A. Ray of 1 Coronation Villas, Maidstone Road, Rainham, Kent. Buried Sheerness (Isle of Sheppy) Cemetery, Kent. Grave reference C. 175.

RAYNER S.R

**Sapper 1000 Sidney Robert RAYNER. No 2 (Kent Fortress) Field Company, Royal Engineers (RE).** 19<sup>th</sup> November 1914. Age 20. Born Chelsea, London. Enlisted Gillingham. Resided Rainham. Son of Mrs E.S. Rayner of 1 Ivy Street Rainham, Kent. Buried locally in the Gravesend Cemetery, Kent. Grave reference 4900.

ROOF A.J

**Private 32129 Alfred James ROOF. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.** Died 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1918. Born Upchurch. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Gillingham. Buried Chauny Communal Cemetery Extension, Aisne, France. Grave reference 2.C.10.

RUSSELL T.C

**Lance Corporal Thomas RUSSELL. 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen`s Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly Private (2205) Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (REKMR).** Died 24<sup>th</sup> March 1917. Born Rainham. Enlisted Sittingbourne. Brother of Edward J. Russell. Buried Dickebusch New Military Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium. Grave reference AA.19.

SAWKINS J

**Chief Stoker 280187 John SAWKINS. Royal Navy. H.M.S “Negro”.** Died 21<sup>st</sup> December 1916. Age 39. Son of John and Alice Sawkins of Nonington, Dover, Kent. Husband of Mabel Caroline Black (formerly Sawkins) of 5 Edward VII Villas, Bredhurst Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 17.

Also commemorated at Nonington (St Mary the Virgin) Church, Kent.

Awarded Navy LS&GC Medal and Naval General Service Medal (Persian Gulf).

SELLEN B.L

**No Trace** – This name is very much a local Kent surname. A large number of other war casualties with this very unusual surname originated from the Faversham, Sittingbourne and Medway areas.

SELLEN W

**Sapper 541982 William A SELLEN. 13<sup>th</sup> Pontoon Park Company, Royal Engineers (R.E). Formerly Sapper (T/2969) Royal Engineers.** Died 8<sup>th</sup> October 1918. Enlisted Gillingham. Resided Rainham. Buried Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave reference O.267.

SHARMAN J

**No Trace**



SHEAFF A.

**Private G/9090 Arthur Robert SHEAFF. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 6<sup>th</sup> January 1917. Age 21. Born and enlisted Rainham. Resided Lower Rainham. Son of Mr T.W and Mrs M.A. Sheaff of Chapel House, Lower Rainham, Chatham, Kent. Buried Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference - VI.A.53.

SIMMONDS C.W

**Lance Corporal 23222 George Walter SIMMONDS. 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Grenadier Guards.** Died 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1916. Born Upchurch, Kent. Enlisted Faversham. Buried St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave reference B.20.39.

SIMMONDS W.E

**Lance Corporal L/9795 William Ernest SIMMONDS. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 11<sup>th</sup> August 1916. Born Rainham. Enlisted Chatham. Resided Rainham. Son of Mrs A.T. Partridge of 266 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Buried Couin British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference II.C.5.

The CWGC and MIC both show surname as **SIMMONS.**

SKINNER P.A

**Private 128108 Percy Arthur SKINNER. 62<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (MGC) (Infantry). Formerly (45978) Suffolk Regiment.** Died 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1918. Age 23. Born Rainham. Enlisted Rochester. Resided Strood. Son of Mr and Mrs G Skinner of 233 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Buried Bac-du-Sud British Cemetery, Bailleulval, Somme, France. Grave reference -III.F.3.

SMITH F

**Private G/6454 Frederick SMITH. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).** Died 14<sup>th</sup> September 1916. Age 19. Born Rainham. Enlisted Chatham. Son of George and Ann Smith of 35 Ivy Street, Rainham, Kent. Buried nearby in the Rainham (St Margaret) Churchyard, Rainham, Kent.

## SPRINGATE P

**Sergeant 302276 Percy SPRINGATE. 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery.** Died 21<sup>st</sup> August 1918. Age 34. Born Rainham 10<sup>th</sup> March 1884. Enlisted Hamilton, Ontario, Canada 14<sup>th</sup> September 1915. Son of George and Rebecca Springate of 24 London Road, Rainham, Kent. Buried Rosieres Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave reference I.E.7.

## STILL J

**Private L/8688 John STILL. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 7<sup>th</sup> October 1916. Born Luton, Chatham, Kent. Enlisted Chatham. Resided Luton, Chatham, Kent. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Panel reference - Pier and face 5D.

## STRINGER P.C

**Rifleman 6875 Phillip Charles STRINGER. 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion, London Regiment. Formerly (4227) 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.** Died 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1916. Age 21. Born Plaistow, London. Enlisted Stratford, London. Resided Plaistow, London. Son of Charles and Elizabeth Stringer. Husband of Violet Constance Stringer of 18 Norman Road, Leytonstone, Essex. Buried Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, Ieper, Belgium. Grave reference VI.Q.5.

## SWAN F

**Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class SS/104622 Frederick Charles SWAN. Royal Navy. (RFR/CH.B/8411) H.M.S. "Raglan".** Died 20<sup>th</sup> January 1918. Age 29. Husband of Ethel Emily Ashby (formerly Swan) of 74 William Street, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 29.

## SWAN T.R

**Company Sergeant Major (C.S.M) 275 Thomas Raynor SWAN. DCM. 2<sup>nd</sup> Company, Australian Machine Gun Corps.** Died 20<sup>th</sup> September 1917. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium. Panel 31.

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (D.C.M) for bravery in the field.

## TAYLOR H

**Private 8546 Henry TAYLOR. Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (O.B.L.I).** Died 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1915. Born Chatham. Enlisted Chatham. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq.

TAYLOR H.W

**Petty Officer 285969 Henry William TAYLOR. Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Raccoon".** Died 9<sup>th</sup> January 1918. Age 40. Husband of Elizabeth A. Taylor of 218 Station Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 29.

TILLS A

**Private 42845 Albert Edward TILLS. 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Essex Regiment. Formerly (10449) Bedfordshire Regiment.** Died 26<sup>th</sup> May 1918. Age 19. Born Rainham. Enlisted Herne Bay. Resided Rainham. Son of Mr W Tills of 7 Vine Cottages, Quay Lane, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.

TRIGG H.J

**Private CH/19420 H.J. TRIGG. Royal Marine Light Infantry. 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Marine Battalion, Royal Naval Division (RND).** Died 7<sup>th</sup> September 1916. Buried Tranchee De Mecknes Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference J.6.

UDEN R

**Lance Corporal G/15700 Reginald John UDEN. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs, (East Kent Regiment).** Died 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916. Age 20. Born Whitstable. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Rainham. Son of Frederick John and Rose Ann Bennet (formerly Uden) of Pampa Cottage, Rainham, Kent. Buried Stump Road Cemetery, Grandcourt, Somme, France. Grave reference A.46.

WALL E.J

**Private G/18529 Edward James WALL. 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly (3023) Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (REKMR).** Died 20<sup>th</sup> April 1917. Age 19. Enlisted Rainham. Resided Rainham. Son of Frederick and Rosina Wall of 1 Tufton Road, Rainham, Kent. Buried Dickebusch New Military Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium. Grave reference E. 41.

WALLIS A.

**Sergeant 57528 Albert Edward WALLIS. 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment).** Died 5<sup>th</sup> March 1917. Age 21. Born Rainham 30<sup>th</sup> October 1894. Enlisted Toronto, Canada 11<sup>th</sup> November 1914. Son of George Thomas and Ellen Wallis of Rainham, Kent. At the time of his enlistment Albert's parents lived at 11 High Street, Rainham. Buried Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St Eloi, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference IV.E.21.

WARNER C.F.S.

**Private 58246 Cecil Freeman Sidney WARNER. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.** Died 29<sup>th</sup> September 1918. Age 19. Born Bredhurst, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury. Son of Mr A Warner of Lime Tree Cottage, Maidstone Road, Rainham, Kent. Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel reference 7.

WEBB H

**Bombardier 67123 Herbert WEBB. 135<sup>th</sup> Battery, 32<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (RFA).** Died 25<sup>th</sup> March 1917. Age 22. Born Rainham. Enlisted Chatham. Son of Frederick Austin Webb and Mary Ann Webb of 91 Ivy Street, Rainham, Kent. Buried Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference I.J.3.

