



## 1/1st ROYAL EAST KENT MOUNTED RIFLES (THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN)

### Roll of Honour

### The Great War 1914 - 1919

**ANNING**, HUBERT PERCY. Sergeant, 1492.  
Died 28 November 1915. Aged 26.  
Born Brook Green, Hammersmith. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided London.  
Son of Owen Hubert Charles and Fanny May Anning of 23, Hale Gardens, West Acton, London.  
Buried Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta G.C. Grave Ref: D. X. 5.

**BODY**, ARTHUR JUDGE. Sergeant, 1708.  
Died Thursday 30 December 1915. Aged 37 years.  
Born Wittersham. Resided Tenterden.  
Son of William Body of Gibbet Farm, Tenterden, Kent.  
Husband of Sarah Upton Body.  
Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.  
Grave Ref: Special Memorial A.21.  
Commemorated on Tenterden, Kent civic war memorial.  
On the day that Arthur died the unit was being withdrawn from Gallipoli to Mudros, and were evacuated during the night from 'V' Beach.

**BUFTON**, BERTIE. Trooper, 2537.  
Died Thursday 30 December 1915. Aged 18.  
Enlisted and resided Canterbury, Kent.  
Son of Charles Samuel and Ada Bufton of 6, Norman Road, Canterbury, Kent.  
Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.  
Grave Ref: Special Memorial A.13.  
Commemorated on Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.

**BUTTON, JACK HERBERT.** Trooper, 1649.

Died Thursday 30 December 1915. Aged 19 years.

Born Tenterden, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent. Resided Dunkirk, Faversham, Kent.

Son of George and Ellen Button of "Mill House", Westwell, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.

Grave Ref: Special Memorial. A. 8.58.

Commemorated on Great War memorial plaque located in Westwell, Ashford, Kent (St. Mary's) parish church.

In 1909 Jack went to America on a visit to his uncle Mr Herbert Button of Bonnie Brook, Cazenovia, New York. On returning to England he went to live at Bossenden Farm, Dunkirk, Faversham, Kent to learn farming. Jack was a keen member of Dunkirk Cricket Club. In January 1914 he enlisted in the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles.

**CASTLE, FREDERICK FRANK.** Trooper, 2355.

Died 28 February 1916. Aged 19.

Born, enlisted and resided Sittingbourne, Kent.

Son of Edward Ambrose and Ellen Frances Castle of 23, Station Street, Sittingbourne, Kent.

Buried Sittingbourne Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: T. 241.

Commemorated on Sittingbourne, Kent civic war memorial.

Frederick died after being kicked by a horse.

**CHURCH, OSCAR.** Trooper, 2195.

Died 30 November 1915.

Enlisted Sittingbourne, Kent. Resided Gillingham, Kent.

Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.

Grave Ref: Special Memorial. B. 53.

**COLLINS, CYRIL HENRY.** Trooper, 2045.

Died 12 December 1915. Aged 24.

Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Maidstone, Kent.

Son of the late Charles and Elizabeth Collins of Aylesford, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: D. 216.

**DALTON, MALCOLM PHILIP.** Sergeant, 1357.

Died 9 November 1915. Aged 29.

Born and resided Sittingbourne, Kent. Enlisted Faversham, Kent.

Son of Philip and Eliza Ann Dalton of Cellar Hill, Lynsted, Sittingbourne, Kent.

Buried Pink Farm Cemetery, Helles, Turkey. Grave Ref: III. C. 15.

Commemorated on Lynsted, Sittingbourne, Kent civic war memorial.

**DANIELS, ALBERT GEORGE.** Trooper, 1754.  
Died 30 August 1916. Aged 20  
Enlisted Broad Oak, Canterbury, Kent. Resided Calne, Wiltshire.  
Son of Tom and Louisa Daniels of Derry Hill, Calne, Wiltshire.  
Buried Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: D. 48.

**EDDEN, HARRY,** Shoeing Smith, 1871.  
Died 31 October 1915. Aged 18  
Enlisted Broad Oak, Canterbury, Kent. Resided Chislet, Canterbury, Kent.  
Son of Harry and Harriet Jane Edden of Marshside, Chislet, Canterbury, Kent.  
Buried Alexandria (Chatby) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: B. 128.

**ELDRIDGE, THEODORE THOMAS STEPHEN.** Trooper, 3137.  
Died Thursday 30 December 1915. Aged 32 years.  
Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Folkestone, Kent.  
Son of Thomas Edgar and Catherine Eldridge, of "The Nest," Swingfield, Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Alice Eldridge of "The Homestead," Hoad Corner, Swingfield, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.  
Grave Ref: Special Memorial. C. 357.

**EVERETT, JOHN ERIC MURRAY,** Trooper, 1773. (Rochester Squadron).  
Died 12 October 1915. Aged 20.  
Born and resided Gillingham, Kent. Broad Oak, Canterbury, Kent.  
Son of the Reverend F. J. Everett, and of Ethel M. Everett.  
Buried Pink Farm Cemetery, Helles, Turkey. Grave Ref: IV. E. 8.  
John was educated at St. John's School, Leatherhead, Surrey; his father was the Vicar of Borstal, Rochester, Kent for a number of years.

**FEAKINS, JAMES EDGAR.** Trooper, 3069.  
Died Tuesday 30 November 1915. Aged 23 years.  
Born Bobbin, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Charing, Ashford, Kent.  
Son of James and Mary Ann Feakins of Chestnut House, Charing, Ashford, Kent.  
Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.  
Grave Ref: Special Memorial C.243.  
Before the outbreak of the Great War, James was a member of the parish church choir at Charing. He was employed by Mr C.N Gales of the Charing Grocery Stores, High Street, Charing, Kent. James was a gifted cricketer and Captain of Charing Cricket Club and during the winter months James played football for the Charing Football Club. The Feakins are a well known local family in the area, and it was noted that Charing Cemetery contains many people with the surname, probably all of whom will be related to James in some way. The 1901 census records the Feakins family residing at the Red Lion Public House, Charing, Ashford, Kent, as under:-

James FEAKINS.	Aged 39.	Born Charing, Kent.	Inn Keeper.
Mary Ann FEAKINS.	Aged 43.	Born Westwell, Kent.	
Lilian FEAKINS.	Aged 11.	Born Bobbing, Kent.	
Flora FEAKINS.	Aged 10.	Born Bobbing, Kent.	
James FEAKINS.	Aged 8.	Born Bobbing, Kent.	
Elsie FEAKINS.	Aged 6.	Born Bobbing, Kent.	
Edith FEAKINS.	Aged 4.	Born Westwell, Kent.	
Milicent FEAKINS.	Aged 2.	Born Charing Heath, Kent.	
Raymond FEAKINS.	Aged 1.	Born Charing Heath, Kent.	

**GEORGE, ERNEST EDWIN.** Lance Corporal, 1499. (3rd Squadron).  
 Died 22 December 1915. Aged 20.  
 Born Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent. Enlisted and resided Canterbury, Kent.  
 Son of Edwin Walter and Alice Louisa George of 19, York Road, Canterbury, Kent.  
 Buried Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Turkey. Grave Ref: J. 11.  
 Commemorated on Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.

**HAMMOND, JOHN CHARLES.** Corporal, 1642.  
 Died 11 October 1915. Aged 22.  
 Born Greenwich. Enlisted Rochester, Kent. Resided Gillingham, Kent.  
 Son of Henry James and Caroline Hammond of 120, Rainham Road, Chatham, Kent.  
 Buried Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Turkey. Grave Ref: G. 100.

**HOLNESS, OLIVER WILLIAM.** Shoeing Smith, 2212.  
 Died 13 December 1915.  
 Enlisted Broad Oak, Canterbury, Kent, Resided Herne Bay, Kent.  
 Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.  
 Grave Ref: Special Memorial C. 211.  
 Oliver is probably erroneously commemorated on the Herne Bay, Kent civic war memorial as C. W. HOLNESS, of whom no data has been accessed. It was noted that a total of five Great War casualties with the surname are commemorated on the war memorial. As with the other Kent war memorials, we hope in the fullness of time to transcribe the Herne Bay, Kent civic war memorial as fully as possible.

**MARTIN, CYRIL ARTHUR.** Trooper, 1678.  
 Died Thursday 30 December 1915. Aged 21 years.  
 Born and resided Gillingham, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.  
 Son of Caroline Hannah Elizabeth Martin of 74, Rock Avenue, Gillingham, Kent.  
 Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.  
 Grave Ref: Special Memorial C. 286.



**MORTON, EDGAR DOUGLAS.** Trooper, 1891. (Waldershare Troop).

Died 22 May 1915. Aged 19 years.

Born 7 June 1895, South Kensington, London.

Enlisted 7 September 1914 Broad Oak, Canterbury, Kent.

Resided Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

Son of Edgar and Eleanor Jane Morton (nee Wall) of "The Studio, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

Buried in the North East Corner of St Mary's Churchyard, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. His private headstone upon which is proudly and prominently displayed REKMR was paid for and erected by his family in 1916. Edgar's name appears on page 261 of De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour. His name also appears in the former Ashford Grammar School (now Norton Knatchbull School) Book of Remembrance, where Edgar had been a pupil from September 1906 to Easter 1913. Edgar's mother Eleanor was the daughter of Edward John Wall of Great Chesterford, Saffron Walden, Essex. On leaving school Edgar went to work at the Canterbury Motor Works. Attested to the 'Waldershare Troop' of the R.E.K.M.R. Edgar was posted to Canterbury, Kent and billeted at the Canterbury Polo Ground during the autumn and winter. Records show that Edgar was a good all round shot and a gifted sportsman. Edgar contracted Pneumonia and Pleurisy while on active service and was evacuated back to the United Kingdom, but died at one of the Canterbury V.A.D Hospitals. The headmaster of the Ashford Grammar School Mr A.S Lamprey wrote "One of the best boys I Have ever known." Edgar's commanding officer Major (later Lieutenant Colonel) A. O'Brien French Blake T.D. D.L. wrote – "Morton was a general favorite, and we all mourn the loss of a young but keen soldier." The 1901 census entry for the Morton family shows it residing at Church Lane, Kennington, Ashford, Kent, as under:-

Edgar MORTON.	Aged 39 years.	Born Marylebone, London.
Eleanor MORTON.	Aged 41 years.	Born Great Chesterford, Essex.
Nora A. MORTON.	Aged 7 years.	Born Hempstead, London.
Edgar D. MORTON.	Aged 5 years.	Born Hempstead, London.

There is a relatively modern road located off Church Road in Kennington, Ashford, Kent, named Studio Close, and was possibly named after Edgar's parents dwelling.

**NEWMAN, REGINALD GEORGE.** Trooper, 1820.

Died 15 June 1916. Aged 24.

Born and resided Malmesbury, Wiltshire. Enlisted Broad Oak, Canterbury, Kent.

Son of Frederick and Edith L. Newman of 16, Gloucester Street, Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

Buried Suez War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: D. 64.

**SEAGER, FRANCIS HENRY.** Trooper, 1736.

Died Thursday 30 December 1915. Aged 23 years.

Born Reculver, Kent. Enlisted Broad Oak, Canterbury. Resided Ashford.

Son of Henry and Susan Maria Seager of Cedar Villas, 67 Christchurch Road, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.

Grave Ref: Special Memorial C. 5.

Commemorated on Ashford, Kent civic war memorial.

Before the outbreak of the Great War, Francis was employed as a Clerk by the Commercial Union Assurance Society in Ashford, Kent. Francis was well known in local cricketing circles because he played for Ashford Town (saving them from defeat on many occasions). He was also a member of the Ashford Hockey Club. Francis name also appears on his parents' grave in the Old Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford, Kent, as below:-

Francis Henry Seager. REKMR

Killed in Action Gallipoli 30<sup>th</sup> December 1915 aged 23 years.

Henry Seager. Died 15<sup>th</sup> January 1919 aged 55 years.

Susan Maria Seager. Died 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1939 aged 84 years.

At the time of the 1901 census, the Seager family resided at Cedar Villas 67, Christchurch Road, Ashford, with Henry shown as being the Head of the house:-

Henry SEAGER.	Aged 36 years.	Born Tonge, Kent.
Susan SEAGER.	Aged 45 years.	
Elsie SEAGER.	Aged 12 years.	Born Harty, Kent.
Edith L. SEAGER.	Aged 11 years.	Born Harty, Kent.
Francis H. SEAGER.	Aged 8 years.	Born Reculver, Kent.

**TROTMAN, H. MAURICE.** Trooper, 2384.

Died 26 November 1915.

Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Faversham, Kent.

Buried Throwley, Faversham, Kent, (St. Michael) churchyard. The four war graves are located close to the West door of the church; also within the churchyard are several HARRIS family graves, they being particularly of relevance to the East Kent Yeomanry. Inside the church is a plethora of impressive memorials, many of which are connected to the HARRIS family. From information obtained locally in Throwley, it would appear that the beautiful Great War memorial plaque to the parish war dead was virtually all funded by the Harris family, numbered amongst the thirteen men commemorated is Trooper H. Maurice Trotman.

**VIDLER, PERCY ARTHUR.** Trooper, 2192.

Died 8 December 1915.

Born Blackmanstone, Romney Marsh, Kent 4 August 1895.

Enlisted Herne, London. Resided Ashford, Kent.

Son of George Vidler of "Forestmere", Kennington Lees, Ashford, Kent.

Formerly "The Elms" Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.

Grave Ref: Special Memorial C.385.

Percy has at least three forms of commemoration in the Ashford, Kent area, they being, Kennington civic war memorial, Boughton Aluph civic war memorial, and in the Ashford Grammar School, Book of Remembrance. A pupil at the school from 24 April 1909 to December 1909, Percy's old school is now called the Norton Knatchbull School. His brother John Alfred Vidler had attended the school from 6 May 1910 to Midsummer 1911; he too died during the Great War serving in the 5th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), and is also commemorated in the Ashford Grammar School, Book of Remembrance, but somewhat bizarrely is similarly not honoured with Percy on the Kennington civic war memorial. Although Percy's father was a Farmer and Grazier in Kennington, Percy apparently chose to take a totally different career path, and was Apprenticed to Messrs Lewis and Hyland, at their New Rents, Ashford, Kent department store prior to the Great War. A letter from Lewis and Hyland, Ashford reads:-

"We have heard with extreme regret that your son has been killed. We assure you of our deepest sympathy. He was a thoughtful lad and doubtless had a successful career in front of him, and it seems hard that such high hopes should thus be cut off. Words at such times are altogether inadequate to bring the comfort you need, but you will, we feel sure, find consolation in the fact that he has made the supreme sacrifice and given his life for his country in a just and honorable cause. He has died so that others may live."

The REKMR was in the forward area of "Fusilier Bluff" when Percy was killed.

**WARREN, REGINALD DOUGLAS.** Trooper, 2058.

Died 6 December 1915. Aged 20.

Born Chesterton. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Hove, Sussex.

Son of E. G. Warren and Elizabeth Warren of 19, Frith Road, Hove, Brighton, Sussex.

Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.

Grave Ref: Special Memorial C. 448.

**WENHAM, WILFRED STEPHEN.** Trooper, 2185.

Died 11 February 1915.

Enlisted Herne, Kent. Resided Ashton. (Please see below).

Son of Frank and Caroline Wenham of Stone Green Farm, Stone-cum-Ebony, Isle of Oxney, Kent.

Buried Canterbury, Cemetery Kent. Grave Ref: B. 270.

Commemorated on Great War memorial plaque located in Stone-cum-Ebony, Isle of Oxney (St. Mary the Virgin) parish church, Kent, which records Wilfred as "Died during training." Wilfred died in the Abbots Barton V.A.D Hospital Canterbury, Kent after a short illness.

The 1918 Absent Voters List shows two other Wenham family members from Wilfred's home address, serving in the army, and as such were probably all three were brothers:-

Stone Green Farm, Stone-cum-Ebony, Isle of Oxney, Kent.

270945, Cyril Frank WENHAM. Queen's Own, West Kent Yeomanry.

105078, Ernest Bernard WENHAM. Dragoon Guards.

Ashton, which is shown as being Wilfred's place of birth, was as accessed from SDGW and may of course be correct. Anybody undertaking more detailed research appertaining to the life and death of Wilfred and/or his family, is advised to treat that part of the above information with a degree of caution.

**WILMOT, ARTHUR.** Shoeing Smith Corporal, 2317.

Died 26 May 1916.

Born Southampton. Enlisted Sittingbourne, Kent. Resided Tongham, Farnham, Surrey.

Buried Canterbury, Cemetery Kent. Grave Ref: B. 335.

