

SHOTTENDEN



The Shottenden parish war memorial is in the form of an unusual home made plaque constructed from oak and pine. It originally hung in the former Shottenden Methodist Church but in February 2005 was found in the Chilham parish church for safekeeping. Although not an attractive or particularly well made memorial, it is an original parish tribute and warrants proper care and protection. It would be a disgrace if this very unusual tribute were lost or thrown away!

On 20th March 2006 the memorial was **still** laying where Neil Clark placed it in February 2005 – on the floor! A quick look at it confirmed that someone had removed the photos from the frame and had not properly sealed the rear of the frame resulting in the photos moving from their seating.

This civic war memorial is now “at risk”. The authors will be reporting this to the church authorities and the War Memorials Trust.

The Great War
1914 – 1919



CLOVER E.C.W

Corporal 19373 Ernest Charles William CLOVER. 2nd Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment. Died Tuesday 29th October 1918 aged 25 years. Born Chilham. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Chilham. Son of William and Alice Clover of Vernon Cottages, Shottenden, Canterbury. Buried locally in the Chilham (St Mary) Churchyard, Chilham, Kent. Grave reference - North West Corner.

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

Shottenden, Chilham

Corporal 19373 Ernest Charles William CLOVER. 2nd Berkshire Regiment.

The 1901 census gives –

The Folly, Mulberry Lane, Chilham

William	CLOVER	35	Labourer	Chilham
Alice		29		Mersham
Mabel A		10		Chilham
Ernest C		8		Chilham
Florence J		5		Chilham
James A		10m		Chilham

Ernest died in the UK probably from disease or illness.



CREED B.F

Sergeant 3247 Albert (Bertie) Frank CREED. 9th Battalion, Rifle Brigade. Died Thursday 3rd May 1917. Born Wye. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Chilham. Bertie has no known grave. His name appears on the Arras Memorial, Arras, France. Panel reference Bay 9.

In 1901 there was a CREED family living at Taylors Hill, Chilham.

Bertie lost his life in the Battle of Arras of 1917.





FOX H

Private G/4998 Henry FOX. 1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 5th May 1915 aged 27 years. Born Badlesmere. Enlisted Faversham. Son of Mr Fox of Shottenden, Chilham, 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 –

Dane Street, Chilham

Private 6180 Charles FOX. The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

On the 2nd May 1915 the battalion left Vlamertinghe for support lines near Brielen. On the 4th May the 1st battalion moved to Ouderdom. On the 5th May it went forward and attacked enemy positions at Hill 60. On the 8th it withdrew to Ypres. The battalion lost 110 men in this period.



HARRIS C.A

Stoker 1st Class Charles Alfred HARRIS. H.M.S “Racoon”, Royal Navy (R.N). Died Wednesday 9th January 1918 aged 33 years. Son of Alfred Thomas and Mary Ann Harris of Shottenden. Buried Rathmullan (St Columb) Churchyard, County Donegal, Ireland.

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

Shottenden, Chilham

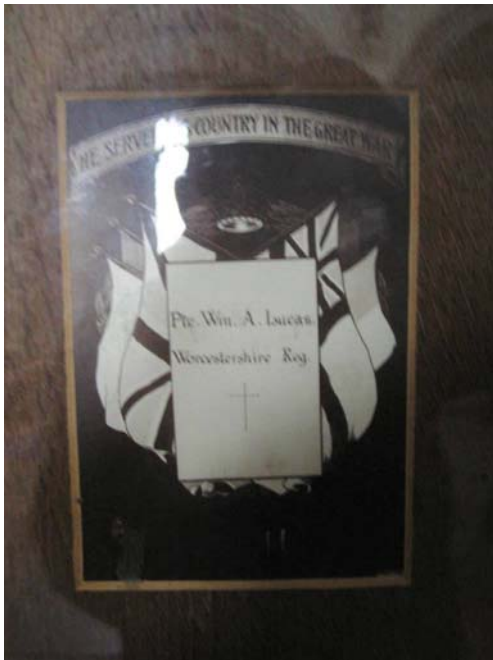
Driver 102629 Frederick Stephen HARRIS. Royal Horse Artillery.

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

Garden Cottage, The Lees, Chilham

Private 265336 Joseph HARRIS. 1st Royal West Kent Regiment.

HMS Racoon was a Beagle Class destroyer built 15th February 1910. On 9th January 1918 it ran aground in bad weather off the North coast of Ireland. Her hull was subsequently broken up by the action of the storm. The ship was commanded by Lt George Napier. 91 sailors perished and only 9 survived.



LUCAS W.A

Shottenden

Private 9774 William Albert LUCAS. 3rd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died Friday 28th August 1914 aged 26 years. Born Canterbury. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Chilham. Son of Frederick and Francis Eliza Lucas of Shottenden, Chilham, Kent. William has no known grave. His name appears on the La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, France.

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

Shottenden, Chilham

10465 Percy Charles LUCAS. HMS Hannibal. Royal Navy.

The 1901 census gives –

Shottenden, Chilham

Frederick	LUCAS	41	Farm Labourer	Bishopsbourne, Kent
Frances		42		Canterbury
Ethel		14		Chilham
William		13		Chilham
Percy		8		Chilham
Jesse		4		Chilham

On the 22nd August the 3rd battalion took up defensive positions at Ciplu. On the 24th it withdrew via Noirchain, Genly, Bavai and St Waast to Wargnies. On the 25th August it marched to Caudry via Bethencourt. On the 26th it came under heavy shell fire at Caudry. The enemy attacked but were repulsed by rapid and accurate small arms fire. The battalion eventually fell back to high ground above Derriere le Tronquoy. They then moved to Montigny later in the day. It appears that William may have been wounded on the 26th August and then died of his wounds on the 28th.



MOON W.E

Lance Corporal G/50943 William Ernest MOON. 17th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Died Tuesday 4th December 1917. Born Chilham. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided London. Husband of Rose Moon of 17 Welstead Road, East Ham, London. Buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France. Grave reference P.V.G.5B.

The Soldiers Died CD ROM and CWGC list this man as being – **William Ernest MOORE**. This looks like a mistake however, it is possible that he served under the assumed name of MOORE for some reason or other.

The 1901 census gives –
King Farm, Chilham

Frederick	MOON	38	Farm Waggoner	Chilham
Mary		43		East Sutton
William		11		Chilham
Thomas		7		Chilham

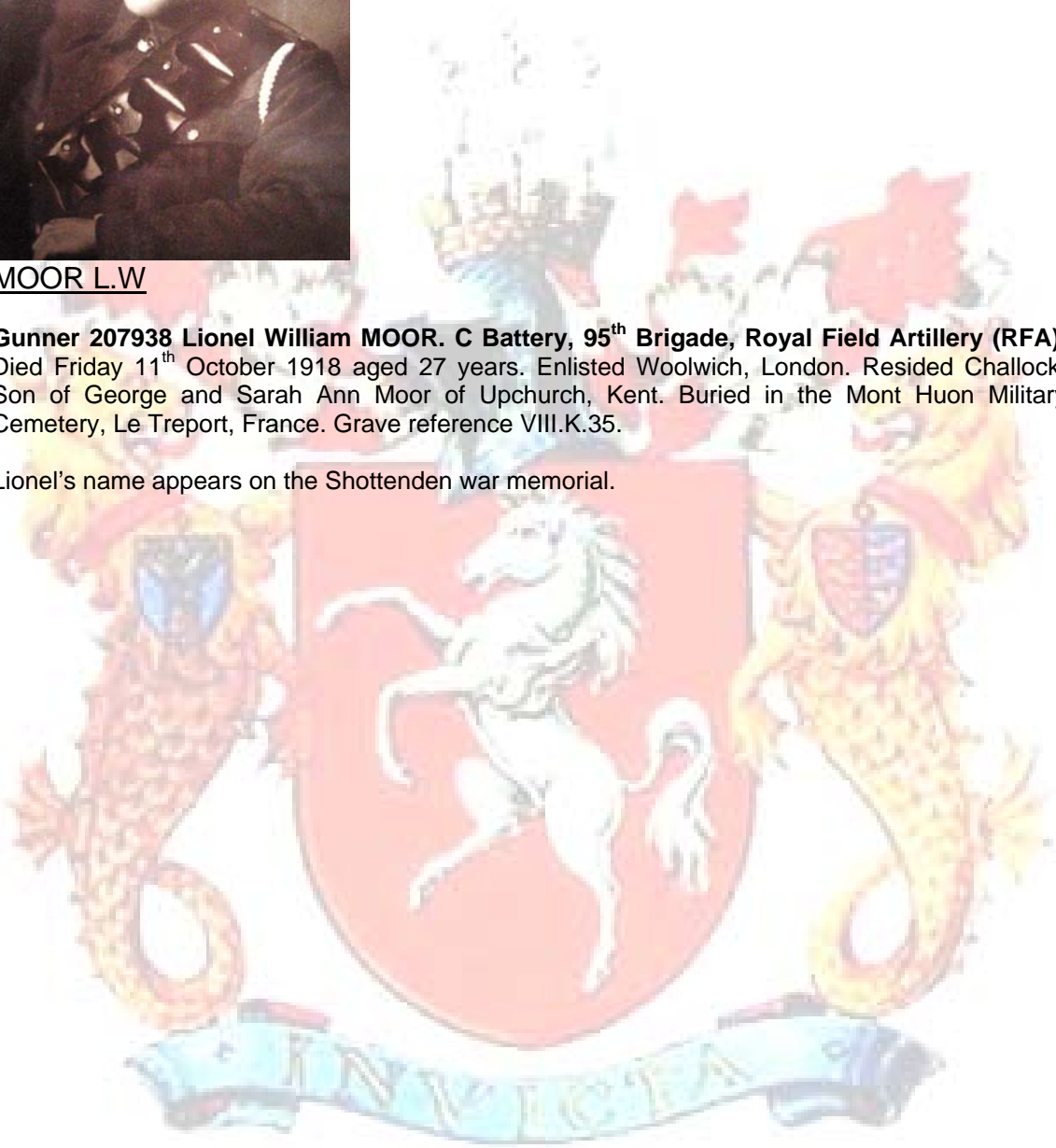




MOOR L.W

Gunner 207938 Lionel William MOOR. C Battery, 95th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (RFA). Died Friday 11th October 1918 aged 27 years. Enlisted Woolwich, London. Resided Challock. Son of George and Sarah Ann Moor of Upchurch, Kent. Buried in the Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport, France. Grave reference VIII.K.35.

Lionel's name appears on the Shottenden war memorial.





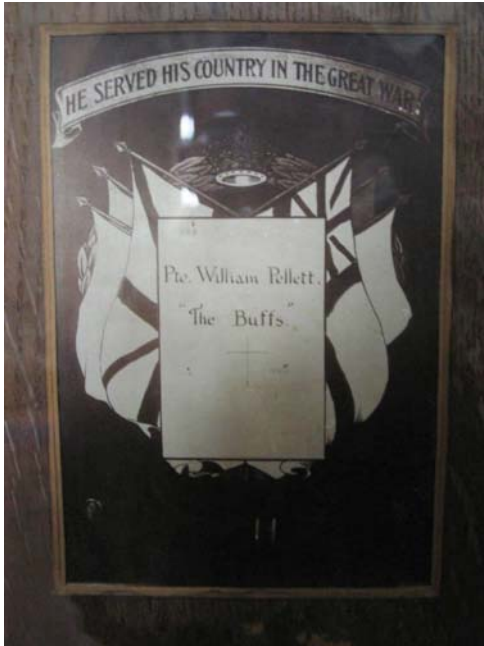
MORTLEY F.G

Shottenden

Private G/6167 Frederick George MORTLEY. 6th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died Thursday 5th October 1916 aged 21 years. Born Boughton. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Chatham. Buried in the Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'abbe, The Somme, France. Grave reference IV.J.25.

It is believed that Frederick was known locally as George MORTLEY.

On the 1st October 1916 the 6th battalion was at Longueval. It went into the reserve line south of Guedecourt. On the 6th October the battalion attacked the enemy on the Transloy Ridge. The battalion was stopped in its advance by heavy shelling and machine gun fire. Eight officers were killed and twelve wounded. The battalion lost 347 men killed missing and wounded.



PELLATT W.G

Shottenden

Corporal G/9 William George PELLATT. 6th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 1st September 1915 aged 21 years. Born Bridge, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Chilham. Son of Thomas and Sarah Ann Pellatt of 168, Cassland Road, South Hackney, London. Buried in the Calvaire (Essex) Military Cemetery, France. Grave reference III.C.2.

William's name appears on the Shottenden war memorial.

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

Hurst Farm Cottages, Chilham

Lance Corporal 200297 George Edward PELLETT. 12th King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Mountain Street, Chilham

Private 35626 John William PELLETT. Ox & Bucks Light Infantry.

Shottenden, Chilham

Private 115196 Thomas Charles PELLETT. Westminster Dragoons.

William was a native of Broomfield in Kent. This conflicts with the information given on Soldiers Died CDROM that states he was born at Bridge near Canterbury. His quoted regimental number also appears incomplete.

The day that William died his battalion was in the neighborhood of Beaumetz and Betrencourt in France. Both these villages are some seven miles or so south west of Arras. Except for some trench mortar activity, this sector was fairly quiet. William was killed at this location in reserve trenches.



WRAIGHT J.W

Private TR/10/161482 John William WRAIGHT. 53rd (Graduated) (Young Soldiers) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Formerly 10th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Died Friday 8th November 1918. Born Sheldwich, Faversham. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Shottenden near Chilham. Buried locally in the Chilham (St Mary) Churchyard, Chilham, Kent. Grave reference North West Corner.

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

Shottenden, Chilham

Private 270315 Ernest Walter WRAIGHT. East Kent Yeomanry.

The 1901 census gives a James WRAIGHT residing Stalisfield.

The 53rd battalion was originally raised in 1914 at Chichester Sussex as the 10th battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. It consisted of young men too young to serve overseas who were intending to do so when they reached 18 years of age. John was probably killed in a training accident or of illness or disease. His body was bought back to Chilham by his parents who chose to bury him locally.