



The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)



Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)

KOREAN WAR

1950 – 1953

Neither of the two Kent infantry regiments had battalions participating in the Korean War. Several soldiers from both regiments served as attached personnel with other British infantry regiments, those casualties accessed whilst so doing are commemorated below.

The United Nations Cemetery, Busan City, Republic of Korea, (Pusan, South Korea) covers over thirty five acres and was established by the United Nations Command on 18 January 1951, when interments were begun. Graves were transferred from six other cemeteries located at Gaeseong, Incheon, Daejeon, Daegu, Miryang, and Masan. The dedication ceremony was held on 5 April 1951. The Korean government granted the land to the United Nations without charge, in perpetuity, as a permanent tribute to all those who gave their lives in resisting aggression in Korea, and in upholding the cause of peace and freedom from 1950-53. The Cemetery contains the bodies of 2,300 men. From Australia (281), Canada (378), France (44), the Netherlands (117), New Zealand (34), Norway (1), South Korea (36), South Africa (11), Turkey (462), the United Kingdom (885), and the United States of America (36), as well as unknown allied soldiers (4) and non-belligerents (11). During 1951 to 1954, remains of about 11,000 men of the United Nations Forces were gathered here, and remains of soldiers from Belgium, Colombia, Ethiopia, Greece, India, the Philippines, and Thailand (as well as the majority of those

from the U.S.A., France, and Norway) were repatriated to their home countries. Memorial plaques bearing particulars of the deceased covers each grave. Busan is the only city in Korea that was never taken by the North Korean Communists during the war.

Roll of Honour

PAGE, DOUGLAS O. Private, 14189156.
Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Attached to the 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. (27th Brigade).
Died 27 October 1950.
Douglas has no known grave, and is commemorated as such in the United Nations Cemetery, Busan City, Republic of Korea.
Douglas died during the 'Battle of Chongju' 25 to 30 October 1950.
Death reported as killed in action, in The Times newspaper dated 4 November 1950.

PELLET, C.R. Private, 22796584.
The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).
Attached to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). (28th Brigade).
Died 24 April 1953.
Buried United Nations Cemetery, Busan City, Republic of Korea.
Grave Ref: Plot 39. Row 6. Grave 3382.
Death reported as killed in action, in The Times newspaper dated 9 May 1953.

RICHARDS, H.F. M.M. Sergeant, 6293583.
The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).
Attached to the 1st Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry. (28th Brigade).
Died 23 March 1952. Aged 32.
Buried United Nations Cemetery, Busan City, Republic of Korea.
Grave Ref: Plot 22. Row 1. Grave 1411.
Death reported as killed in action, in The Times newspaper dated 12 April 1952.

ROYAN, R.H.G. Private, 6287049.
The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).
Attached to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). (28th Brigade).
Died 25 November 1952. Aged 31.
Buried United Nations Cemetery, Busan City, Republic of Korea.
Grave Ref: Plot 39. Row 3. Grave 3339.
Death reported as killed in action, in The Times newspaper dated 13 December 1952.