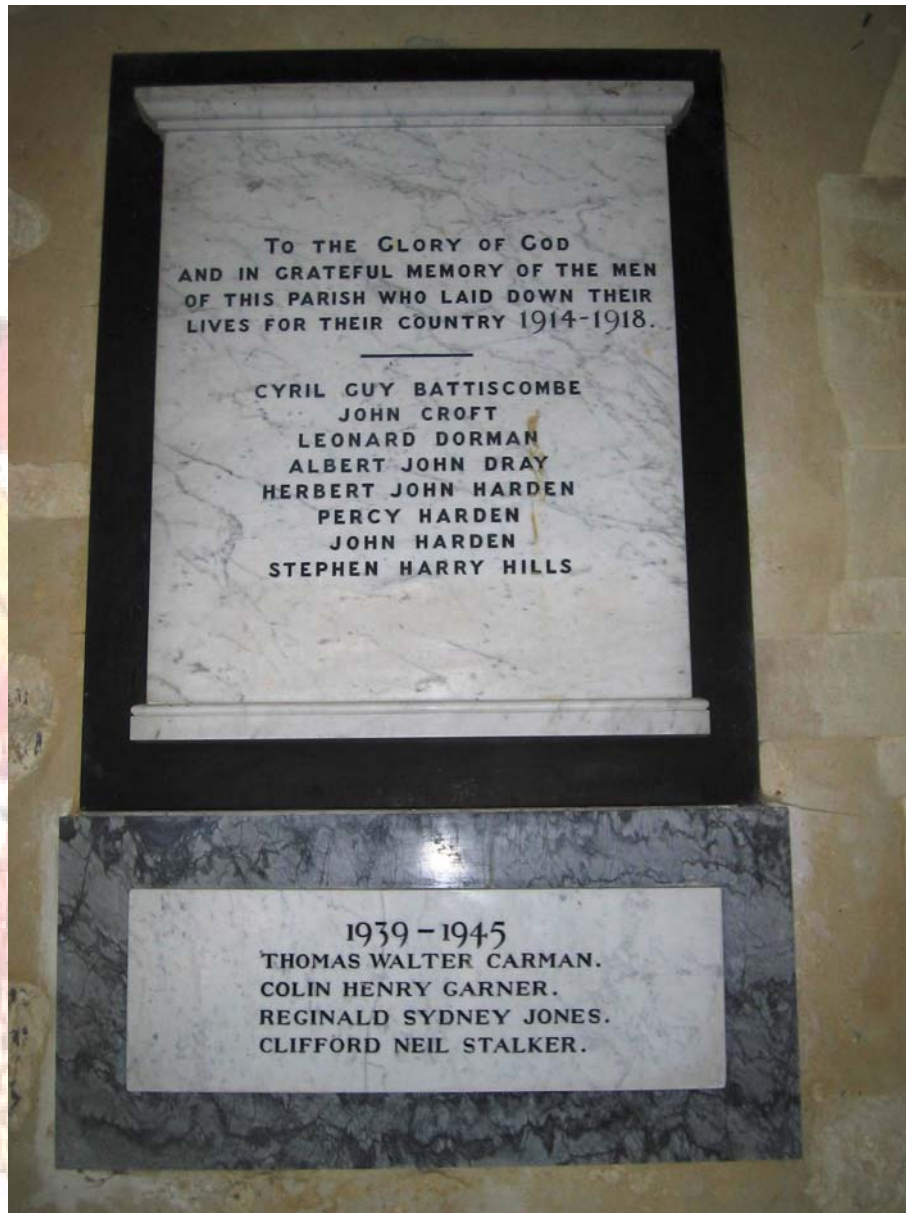


WAREHORNE



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE MEN
OF THIS PARISH WHO LAID DOWN THEIR
LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY 1914-1918.

CYRIL GUY BATTISCOMBE
JOHN CROFT
LEONARD DORMAN
ALBERT JOHN DRAY
HERBERT JOHN HARDEN
PERCY HARDEN
JOHN HARDEN
STEPHEN HARRY HILLS

1939 - 1945
THOMAS WALTER CARMAN.
COLIN HENRY GARNER.
REGINALD SYDNEY JONES.
CLIFFORD NEIL STALKER.

The Great War
1914-1919

BATTESCOMBE C.G

Lance Corporal 4298 Cyril Guy BATTISCOMBE. 13th Battalion (Kensington Pals), London Regiment. Died Sunday 1st July 1916 (First day of the battle) aged 32 years. Enlisted Kensington, London. Resided Ashford. Son of the Reverend William C and Mary Battiscombe of The Rectory, Warehorne, Ashford, Kent. Cyril has no known grave. His name appears on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Panel reference 9C, 9D, 13C and 12C.

Cyril's father was the Vicar of the parish of Warehorne.

The 1901 census gives –
The Rectory, Warehorne

William G	BATISCOMBE	50	Clergyman (C of E)	Lowestoft, Suffolk
Mary		54		London
John H.H		22	Cambridge Uni	Iowa (USA)

The day that Cyril died his battalion was in action all day in an attack on Gommecourt. The 13th battalion were in support of the 14th Battalion London Regiment for most of the day. Leading waves did not reach further than no mans land and the attack came to a halt because of murderous German Machine Gun fire. By the day's end the battalion had lost 326 men killed, missing and wounded most cut down by machine gun.

CROFT J

Lance Corporal G/917 John Frederick Manners CROFT. 6th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 13th October 1915. Born Whitburton, Ely, Cambridgeshire. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Ashford. Only son of Robert Manners and Augusta Croft of Coldblow Farm, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent. John has no known grave. His name appears on the Loos Memorial, Loos, France. Panel reference 15 to 19.

Educated Christ's Hospital, Horsham, West Sussex and at St Gall in Switzerland. He enlisted 7 August 1914 and went to France June 1915. He was killed in action between Hulluch and Vermelles in France during the Battle of Loos.

It looks like this man may in fact have been John Croft born in Benenden and aged 22 years in 1901. The 1901 census states he was an agricultural labourer. His mother Augusta (daughter of Henry Halford Vaughan) was born at Wilburton on the Isle of Ely in Cambridgeshire (11 February 1895) which would explain the town of Ely being mentioned in relation to her son. John is also commemorated on the Orlestone and Warehorne Memorials as well. His father Robert worked as a labourer at Coldblow Farm.

In June 1915 the 6th Buffs were at Meteren near Bailleul. On 12th June it moved to Armentieres for training in trench warfare. The remainder of the summer was passed in trench fighting. On 30th July 1915 the 6th Buffs were at Plugstreet Wood in Belgium. The battalion remained in Plugstreet Wood until 23rd September 1915. On 26th September the 6th Buffs moved to Vermelles relieving the Coldstream Guards South of the Hulluch Road. On 11th October 1915 the Germans re-captured the Hohenzollern Redoubt. On 13th October 1915 the 6th Buffs (12th Division) assaulted German positions at the Quarries. This attack cost the 6th Buffs 10 officers and 400 men. In less than 1 day more than half the battalion was wiped out!



DORMAN L

Corporal L/9765 Leonard DORMAN, 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died Friday 2nd July 1915 aged 21 years. Born Warehorne. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Warehorne. Son of William and Laura Dorman of Orchard Place, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent. Formerly 2 Lime Cottage, Warehorne. Buried in the Potijze Burial Ground Cemetery, Leper, Belgium. Grave reference Z.22.

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

Hamstreet

Private (Saddler) 88204 Harry DORMAN. Royal Field Artillery.

The 1901 census gives –
2, Lime Cottage, Warehorne

William DORMAN	35	Bricklayer	Orlestone
Laura	33		Orlestone
William	14	Chicken Fatter	Orlestone

Charles	13	Orlestone
Leonard	7	Orlestone
Harry	4	Warehorne
Laura	2	Warehorne
Edith	2m	Warehorne

Leonard's death was possibly referred to in the Buffs regimental history – On the 2nd July 1915 Corporal John Dormer of A Company, who had covered himself with glory as a scout, paid the last penalty”.

Corporal John Dormer was killed on the 13th July 1915. It is possible that the author of the regimental history may have confused these two men.

DRAY A.J

Private G/4862 Albert John DRAY. 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died Tuesday 25th May 1915 aged 28 years. Born Ruckinge. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Ashford. Son of Edward John and Elizabeth Dray of Ruckinge, Kent. Albert has no known grave. His name appears on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. Panel reference 12 and 14.

Between the 24th and 27th May 1915, the 2nd battalion was in action. It attacked enemy positions in what is now called the 2nd Battle of Ypres. The battalion was holding a line on the Menin-Ypres Road. The battalion went to rescue elements of the 9th Lancers who got into difficulty on the Menin Road. Albert was probably killed in this engagement on or near the Menin Road just outside Ypres itself.





HARDEN H.J. (brother)

Acting Corporal L/9767 Herbert John HARDEN. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 19th April 1916. Born Warehorne. Resided Hamstreet. Enlisted Ashford, Kent. Son of John and Emma Grace Harden of 2, Viaduct Terrace, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent. Herbert has no known grave. His name appears on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. Panel reference 12 and 14.

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- Private 13639 Jack HARDEN. 6th King's Royal Rifle Corps.**
- Private G/40865 Jeffrey HARDEN. 20th Middlesex Regiment.**
- Private 114115 Maurice Albert HARDEN. Machine Gun Corps.**
- Private 14758 Sidney Robert HARDEN. 8th Royal West Kent Regiment.**

The 1901 census gives –
Viaduct Terrace, Warehorne

John	HARDEN	37	Woodcutter	Orlestone
Emma G		37		Sandhurst, Kent
Alec		15		Orlestone
Frederick		14	Scholar	Warehorne
Peter		12		Warehorne
Joseph		9		Warehorne
Herbert		7		Warehorne
Maurice		5		Warehorne
Jack		3		Warehorne
Percy		1		Warehorne

These members of the Harden family are buried in the Warehorne churchyard in front of the entrance porch –

- Doris** **HARDEN**
- Edmund**
- Kate**
- Edward**
- Leslie**

**Kenneth
Nancy**

On the 19th April 1916, while in the La Briques trenches, at 1730 hours, after a considerable amount of shelling all day, a heavy bombardment was opened on the 2nd Scots Guards on the Buffs right, and on the 8th Bedford's on their left. The Germans attacked and broke through on the right. The battalion lost 21 men killed and a further 36 wounded in trying to repel this attack. Herbert was probably one of those killed near St Jean in Belgium.

HARDEN P (brother)

Private 28849 Percy HARDEN. 51st Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Died 1919 aged 20 years. Son of John and Emma Grace Harden of 2, Viaduct Terrace, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent. Buried locally in the Warehorne (St Matthew) Churchyard, Warehorne, Ashford, Kent.

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HARDEN J

Private 260149 John HARDEN. 6th Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (DCLI). Formerly (30143) Hampshire Regiment. Died 22nd August 1917 aged 36 years. Born Ashford. Enlisted Southampton. Son of Thomas and Sarah Harden of Bromley Green, Ashford, Kent. Husband of Harriet Harden of "Birchett Cottage", Orlestone, Ashford, Kent. Buried in the Oxford Road Cemetery, France. Grave reference II.C4.

Birchett Cottage was a "grace and favour" dwelling owned by the Oliver family.

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HILL S.H

Private 2925 Steven Harry HILLS. 18th Battalion (1st Public Works Pioneers), Middlesex Regiment (33rd Division). Died Sunday 15th October 1916. Born Newington, Sittingbourne, Kent. Enlisted Birmingham. Husband of Sarah Spain (a member of the Harden family) of Warehorne, Ashford, Kent. Buried in the Etaples Military Cemetery, Etaples, France. Grave reference VII.F.8A.

Stephen's name disappointingly does NOT appear on the Newington War Memorial in Kent. It does however also appear on the Warehorne parish tribute.

Steven was not a local man at all. He married a Sarah Spain of Hamstreet and she was a blood relative of the Harden family.

The 18th Middlesex Regiment was raised in London January 1915 by Lt Col John Ward M.P. It went to France in November 1915.

The 18th Middlesex Regiment's movements in France during 1916 were as follows –

9th July – La Chaussee and Fouquereuil

11th July – Poulainville
15th July – Worked on roads around Mametz Wood on the Somme
21st July – Dug trench at High Wood
8th August – Dernancourt
31st August – St Gratien
1st September – Villers Bocage
9th September – Humbercamps
20th September - Souastre
18th October – Grouches-Luchuel

Stephen died at a Base Hospital at Etaples. It is not known if he died of wounds or of some kind of disease.

LOST MEN

BEAL C.I.

Corporal L/9902 Charles Lewis BEAL. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 20th July 1915 aged 20 years. Born Warehorne. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Eastbridge near Dymchurch. Son of Seaman Beale and Betsy Beale of Dymchurch, Kent. Buried in the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, Belgium. Grave reference III.B.5.

Prior to the outbreak of war Charles lived in Dymchurch for many years.

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

Button House, Warehorne

Private 39251 Albert Edward BEALE. 1st Suffolk Regiment.

Hamstreet

Private 429253 Thomas James Henderson BEALE. 667th Agricultural Labour Company, Labour Corps.

This man was killed in the Second World War in Ashford –

BEALE Seaman, Civilian, Civilian War Dead. Killed by enemy action 24th March 1943 aged 40 years. Husband of Gladys Beale of 191 New Town. Died at Southern Railway Works when it was bombed by German aircraft.

The history of the 1st battalion for June and July 1915 is without any very striking incident. It remained in huts at Poperinghe. It is recorded that Charles died of wounds. He was probably mortally wounded in an earlier battle (of which there were many for the 1st battalion) and then recovered to a Base Hospital where he sadly succumbed to his wounds.

BOURNE W.G

Rifleman 392104 William George BOURNE. 9th Battalion (Queen Victoria Rifles), London Regiment. Formerly 2nd Battalion. Died 25th August 1918. Born Warehorne. Enlisted London. William has no known grave. His name appears on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial, France. Panel reference 10.

BRIDGER A.S

Private M2/226216 Albert Sydney BRIDGER. Motor Transport (MT) Depot (Grove Park) Royal Army Service Corps. Died in UK 1st November 1916 aged 27 years. Born Warehorne. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Canterbury. Son of Thomas Charles and Sarah Bridger. Husband of Eva Mary Thomas of 29, Artillery Gardens, Canterbury. Buried in the Greenwich Cemetery, London. Grave reference 3C.A.285.

GODDEN A

Do not confuse this A Godden with another local man with the same name – **Lance Corporal G/9036 Albert Edward GODDEN. 7th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 27th December 1918 aged 22 years.

This is the correct man -

Private G/5090 Albert GODDEN. 8th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 26th September 1915 aged 29 years. Born Warehorne. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Kennington, Ashford. Son of Albert and Mary Ann Godden of "Barnfield Farm", Charing. Albert has no known grave. His name appears on the Loos Memorial, Loos, France. Panel reference 15 to 19.

The 1901 Kennington Census gives –
Bockhanger Farm, Kennington

Albert	GODDEN	35	Farm Bailiff	Warehorne
Mary		36		Warehorne
Albert		15		Warehorne
Ethel		12		Mersham
Edith		10		Kennington
Florence		7		Ashford
Ernest		4		Kennington

Albert was killed in action when his battalion was attacking enemy front line positions at Hulluch in France. The battalion was lead by Colonel Romer who was to lose his life there himself. At 1100 hours the battalion went forward following the 9th East Surrey's the 8th West Kent's and the 8th Queen's. The assault was a murderous one made in broad daylight and in open country. Not surprisingly, it failed miserably. Many men were killed on the Hulluch – Lens Road. The battalion was nearly destroyed – 24 officers and 610 men were killed, missing or wounded.



KNIGHT S.A

Private 104013 Sidney Albert KNIGHT. 166th Company, Machine Gun Corps (MGC). Formerly (19010) Middlesex Regiment. Died Tuesday 27th August 1918. Born Warehorne 1886. Resided Pear Tree Cottage, Bilsington, Ashford, Kent. Buried in the Tournai Communal Cemetery Allied Extension, Tournai, Belgium. Grave reference III.D.1. The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

Pear Tree Cottage, Bilsington

Private 104013 Sidney Albert KNIGHT. 166th Coy, Machine Gun Corps.

The 1901 census gives

Sidney Albert

KNIGHT

15

Drapers Boy

Warehorne



MANKLOW R

Private G/9629 Robert MANKLOW. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 1st September 1916. Born Warehorne June 1890. Resided Orlestone. Son of James and Frances Manklow (nee Evenden). In 1896 Robert's father died suddenly. In December 1897 Robert's mother Frances remarried Alfred Harden. Robert has no known grave. His name appears on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Panel reference 5D.

Children of James and Frances Manklow

Fanny 1871
William 1872
Leonard 1876
Frank 1879
Minnie 1880
Charles 1883
Harry 1885
Robert 1890

Before the outbreak of war Robert was employed by Messrs D Godden and Son (Builders). He was Lieutenant of the Hamstreet Lads Brigade.

He enlisted on the 10th December 1915 at Ashford and was mobilized on the 24th March the following year. On the 28th June he sailed from Southampton and is listed as being posted to the 1/Buffs. However, he neither met his battalion in Belgium nor joined them on their way to the Somme. Instead, he was sent straight to the Somme and on the 9th July was one of 173 that re-strengthened the 2/Queens after their operations of the 1st-4th July. The next day saw another draft of 109 arrive. The new draft were given little time to settle in, as the 14th-16th July saw the 2/Queens engaged in High Wood and the battalion sustained 305 casualties. It is stating the obvious to say that this was a baptism of fire for these men, and on the 27th July at St. Sauveur the divisional commander, Major-General H.Watts, inspected them and apparently no others from the battalion. August was spent re-organising and re-strengthening the battalion before, on the 31st, they moved into positions southeast of Delville Wood. As previous posts have mentioned, Manklow was killed the following day. It is striking that Manklow was only in France for two weeks

before seeing action in High Wood and as others have stated, he was certainly one of a number of Buffs, both Other Ranks and Officers, that were serving in the 2/Queens during this period.

On the 9th August 1916 the 1st Buffs under the command of Lt Col H.W Green were moved forward to trenches south of Beaumont Hamel on the Somme. The regimental history (Moody) mentions that the 1st Buffs were training during 28th August and 6th September. On 6th September the 1st Buffs were at Villers Bocage and on 7th moved to Corbie. On 11th September the battalion marched to Carnoy and relieved the 167th Infantry Brigade in the line behind Guillemont and Combles.



MILLAIS J.E

Lieutenant Commander Sir John Everett MILLAIS. (3rd Baronet Millais). H.M.S “Stephen Furness”, Royal Navy (R.N). Formerly The Admiralty Press Bureau. Died of T.B on 30th September 1920 at Leacon Hall, Warehorne, Kent. Son of Sire Everett and Lady Millais of Leacon Hall, Warehorne, Ashford, Kent. Grandson of the famous artist and director of the Royal Academy - Sir John Everett Millais Bart (1829 – 1896). Buried Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey, UK.

John’s family erected a private memorial inside the Warehorne parish church. It gives the information that when alive, John was the Churchwarden. Rather dissapointingly John’s name was not placed on the Warehorne parish war memorial.

Sir John was born on 28th November 1888 and became the 3rd Baronet Millais in 1897. He joined the Royal Navy as a Midshipman in 1905 and by 1912 was a Lieutenant. He retired from the navy in 1913 and went onto the reserve list. On the outbreak of war in 1914 John volunteered for active service once more. He served on board the armed merchant cruiser “Stephen Furness”. In June 1916 he reverted to the retired list suffering from T.B. In January 1919 he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander (retired list). John died of the same disease that he had been invalided one year earlier. His family residing in Leacon Hall Warehorne erected a weather vane on their Oast House in the form of a ship. This was done to remember Sir John Everett Millais the 3rd Baron Millais. The weather vane is still there.

John’s death is not recorded by the CWGC as a war casualty. **John’s family were provided with a death plaque after his death which indicates that the authorities accepted his death was as a consequence of his war service.** It is very surprising his name was not placed on the Great War death indexes.