

Westgate-on-Sea & Garlinge



Located outside the parish church of St. James, Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent, the civic war memorial is in the form of a granite obelisk, and was once located within the curtilage of the church before road widening. Unfortunately the names of some of those who the memorial commemorates have faded. Since originally posting the bulk of the following brief transcriptions on this website, we have received more information appertaining to three casualties including Alfred Green. In addition to the very welcome information about Alfred, we were also contacted by a relative of another man with sound 'evidence' that he had been missed off the war memorial. Another albeit non relative, who sent details about an additional casualty was a bit muddled but still welcome. Thanks to Geoff Sullivan's fantastic search engine the other soldier was also located, as such there are now two additional casualties commemorated below, but sadly adding to the Great War Lost Men category, of which Westgate-on-Sea and Garlinge have regrettably a noticeably high number.

The Great War

1914 – 1919

AMOS, RICHARD WILLIAM. Private, 772083.

Canadian Forestry Corps

Died 29 August 1919. Aged 26.

Born Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent 27 August 1893.

Enlisted Brantford, Ontario, Canada 20 November 1915.

Son of Richard W. Amos.

Husband of Rose M. Amos of 25, Durham Street, Brantford, Ontario.

Buried London (Mount Pleasant) Cemetery, Ontario, Canada.

Grave Ref: Soldiers plot. R.2. G.32.

Also commemorated on page 529 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.

At the time of his enlistment, Richard and his wife resided 12 Esther Street, Brantford, Ontario, Canada. He was attested to the 125th Overseas Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, having previously served for a period of three years in the 38th D.R.C.

BRENCHLEY, GEORGE AUSTIN. Private, 72071.

Labour Corps.

Died 11 July 1917.

Born Canterbury, Kent. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Garlinge, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Brandhoek Military Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: I. L. 68.

Formerly Private, 13th Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

CLARK, CHARLES HENRY. Corporal, 35107.
5th/8th Heavy Trench Mortar Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Died 9 July 1918. 24.
Born Warngate, Yorkshire. Enlisted Aldershot, Hampshire. Resided Arborfield, Reading, Berkshire.
Son of William and Betsy Clark of The Swan Inn, Arborfield Cross, Reading, Berkshire.
Buried Aix-Noulette, Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: II. G. 12.

DENNY, DONALD WILLIAM. Private, G/14431.
"Y" Company, 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).
Attached to the 9th (Service) Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Died 16 September 1916. Aged 22.
Born Deal, Kent. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Garlinge, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of Thomas William and Jane Agnes Denny of 32, Holly Walk, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 6.

EALHAM, WALTER STEPHEN. Private, G/15585.
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Born Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Crow Hill, Garlinge, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Died 3 December 1917.
Buried Tincourt New British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: IV. A. 3.

FRIGHT, EDGAR NORMAN. Signalman, J/6739.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Formidable.
Died 1 January 1915. Aged 21.
Born Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent 16 October 1893.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 10.

FRIGHT, A. E. As commemorated on the war memorial, for whom no matching data has been found (due to wrong initial), is probably the following local regular soldier:-

FRIGHT, ALFRED WALTER. Private, L/9142.
2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 29 September 1915. Aged 29.
Born St. James, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.
Resided Westbrook, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of Richard Fright of 16, Waverley Road, Westbrook, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent, and the late Sarah Fright.
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 15.

GREEN, A. Due to the fact that the position of his remembrance inscription on the war memorial is indicative of him being a casualty Second World War, the transcriber had erroneously assumed same prior to the Westgate-on-Sea brief commemorations being originally posted on this website. Fortunately Annie Burns, a granddaughter of the elusive Alfred Green viewed the website, and very kindly furnished us with a more additional information, in addition to actually revealing who he was, for which needless to say we are very grateful. We have taken the liberty of placing Alfred amongst the fallen of the Great War, as opposed to where his commemoration is inscribed on the civic war memorial.

GREEN, ALFRED. Private, O/4535.

16th Company, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Died 3 December 1917. Aged 22.

Born Islington 1895. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent 1915.

Eldest child of Alfred and Catherine Green.

Husband of Dorothy Green (née Clark) of 10, Elmcroft Villas, Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Alexandria (Hadra) Military Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: D.248.

Also commemorated on a war memorial in Mitcham, Surrey.

Alfred was brought up in the Streatham area of south London. He was both a successful footballer and cricketer, and had played for the regimental football team which was the victor in the league of 1916-17. Alfred married Dorothy Clark and they had one child, Dorothy lived with her parents at 253, Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea directly opposite St. James Church and the war memorial for the rest of her life. After the Westgate-on-Sea war memorial had been in-situ for some time, Dorothy quite rightly requested that the name of her late husband be added to it. Over the years when undertaking research for families of the victims of war, the transcriber has noticed that there has been numerous occasions when amongst the variety of reasons, why casualties are not commemorated on forms of war remembrance, is that the casualty died, as opposed to being killed in action, or resultant of having been in action. It would appear that is also the reason why Alfred's name was not submitted by his widow prior to the erection of the Westgate-on-Sea civic war memorial. It might also be the same reason for the significantly high number of non-commemorations on this particular war memorial.

HUCKSTEP, WILLIAM HERBERT. M.M. Corporal, G/2810.

7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 13 October 1917. Aged 22.

Born and resided Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of S. E. Huckstep of Belmont House, Crow Hill Road, Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 17.

HUCKSTEP, ARTHUR FREDRICK. G/3067.

6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 31 August 1915. Aged 17.

Born and resided Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Stephen and Elizabeth Huckstep of Belmont, Garlinge, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Calvaire (Essex) Military Cemetery, Comines-Warneton. Hainaut, Belgium. Grave Ref: III. C. 4.

HURRELL, FRANK EDWIN. Private, 9551.

1st/7th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Middlesex Regiment.

Died 16 September 1916. Aged 32.

Born and enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Charles William and Fanny Hurrell of 8, Lorne Cottages, Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Pier and Face 12 D and 13 B.

KEMP, RICHARD HENRY. Private, 24689.

7th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 20 October 1916. Aged 32.

Born and enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Kemp of Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Husband of Lucy Mary Kemp of 14, Glebe Road, Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: VIII. D. 144.

Formerly Private, 9420, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

KEMP, WILLIAM JAMES THOMAS. Lance Corporal, M2/050846.

594th Mechanical Transport Company, Army Service Corps.

Attached to the 12th Siege Brigade, Ammunition Column, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 13 July 1917. Aged 22.

Born Putney. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Lewis James and Louisa Caroline Kemp of "Lausanne," Belmont Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: XV. B. 15A.

KNOTT, WILLIAM CHARLES. Private, G/546.
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 3 May 1917. Aged 24.
Born Stelling, Canterbury, Kent. Enlisted and resided Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of Richard Charles and Phoebe Frances Knott of 10, St. Benet's Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2.

OVENDEN, WALTER LOUIS. Lance Corporal, 505260.
13th (County of London) Battalion, (Kensington) London Regiment.
Died 11 July 1918. Aged 20.
Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Only son of Hedley and Annie Ovenden of 1, The Limes, Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: XXVIII. D. 4.
Formerly Private, 3290, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

POINTER, WILLIAM. Able Seaman, 220380.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Aboukir.
Died 22 September 1914. Aged 29.
Born Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent 4 December 1885
Son of Harry Pointer of 4, Essex Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent, and the late Emma Ann Pointer.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 2.

SOLLY, WILLIAM BUCKLE. M.C. Captain.
3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Attached to the 101st Trench Mortar Battery.
Died 19 October 1918. Aged 30.
Son of William and Jessie Solly, of Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent
Husband of Katie Maud Solly of Handsworth, Birmingham.
Buried Wevelgem Communal Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: Near the South East corner.
Formerly Private, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

SOLLY, GEORGE CHARLES LEDNOR. Lance Corporal, G/3906.
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 9 April 1917. Aged 36.
Born Staple, Sandwich, Kent. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent
Son of Thomas and Mary Solly of White Cottage, Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Husband of Edith Solly.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2.

WEBB, EDWARD CHARLES. Private, G/4723.
8th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 18 August 1918. Aged 28.
Born Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Husband of Florence Emily Webb of 11, Florence Cottages, High Street, Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D.

WILLIAMS, HERBERT HENRY. Private, 33711.
6th (Service) Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.
Died 12 May 1917. Aged 26.
Born Northwood, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of Thomas and Winifred Williams of Sacketts Hill, Farm Cottages, St. Peter's, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Husband of Bessie Williams of 4, High Street, Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7.
Formerly 174199, Royal Engineers.



Lost Men

BEAL, ROBERT, M.M. Corporal, G/18421.

10th (Service) Battalion (Kent County), Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 29 September 1918.

Born Shoreditch, Middlesex. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 106.

Formerly 2615, Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles.

CAVALIER, THOMAS, Private, 27932.

8th (Service) Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Died 27 October 1917.

Born Cannon Street, London. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 89 to 91.

Formerly Private, TR3/26106, 69th Training Reserve Battalion, and Private, 216, Royal Army Medical Corps (Territorial Force).

CHAMPS, BERTIE. Private, 463.

6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 7 April 1916. Aged 21.

Born St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Kent. Enlisted Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Ambrose and Sarah Elizabeth Champs of 6, Belmont Terrace, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Vermelles British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: II. N. 27.

CORNFORD, PERCY DAVID FREERICK. Private, 698137.

1st/22nd (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment, (The Queen's).

Died 27 May 1918. Aged 34.

Born Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted West London. Resided Queen's Road, North West London.

Son of David and Fanny Cornford of Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Husband of Elizabeth Cornford of 44, Mazonod Avenue, West Hampstead, London.

Buried Bavelincourt Communal Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: A. 3.

Formerly Private, 452879, 2nd/11th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Finsbury Rifles).

COSTER, GEORGE. Rifleman, 488001.
12th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (The Rangers).
Attached to the 2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Died 8 November 1917.
Born East Greenwich. Enlisted London. Resided Hoxton.
Son of Mrs. Coster of 69, Old Woolwich Road, London.
Husband of Clara Edith Coster of 14, Adrian Square, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Addenda Panel.
Formerly 6706, 11th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Finsbury Rifles).

DADDS, THOMAS WILLIAM. Private, G/13653.
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 3 May 1917. Aged 31.
Born Preston-next-Wigham, Canterbury, Kent. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Mary Dadds of Deerson Lane, Preston-next-Wigham, Canterbury, Kent.
Husband of Grace Mary Dadds of 14, Margravine Villas, Victoria Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2.

DUNN, GEORGE AUGUSTUS. Private, 5743.
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 6 December 1915. Aged 27.
Born Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of Frederick and Mary Toule Dunn of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.
Buried Le Tréport Military Cemetery, Seine-Maritime, France.
Grave Ref: Plot 1. Row M. Grave 7B.

EEDE, ALFRED. Private, 67594.
6th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 11 August 1918.
Born Cranleigh, Surrey. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Buried Morlancourt British Cemetery No.2, Somme, France. Grave Ref: A. 15.

EMPTAGE, CYRIL GEORGE. Serjeant, 22313.
40th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps.
Died 9 April 1918. Aged 25.
Born Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Camberwell, Surrey.
Son of Clifford Herbert and Ellen Elizabeth Emptage of Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Buried Aire Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: II. B. 1.
Formerly Private, 4291, 21st (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (1st Surrey Rifles).

EVANS, ALFRED DEAN. Private, G/25001.
3rd/4th Battalion (Territorial Force), The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 4 October 1917. Aged 20.
Born Presteign, Radnor, Wales. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of Edwin Alfred and Emily Evans of 11, De Roos Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 14 to 17 and 162 to 162A.
Formerly Private, 242192, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

GILBERT, JOHN HUMPHREY. Private, 42443.
7th (Service) Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.
Died 2 November 1918. Aged 21.
Born and resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.
Son of Archibald and Harriet Gilbert of "Woodbury," Streete Court Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Buried Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece. Grave Ref: 718.
Formerly Private, 3120, Royal Army Medical Corps.

HOARE, HARRY WALTER. Serjeant, L/8475.
2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 11 May 1915.
Born Lower Walmer, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent. Resided, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 12.

HOLLIDAY, WILLIAM ALFRED. Private, G/35497.
10th (Royal East Kent and West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 10 October 1918.
Born Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Kingsgate, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Buried Rue-David Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: II. G. 42.

HOWLAND, WILLIAM HENRY. Private, 57161.
9th (Service) Battalion, Welsh Regiment.
Died 20 September 1917. Aged 23.
Born Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Brother of Mr. T. Howland of 6, Pouces Cottages, Minster, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Buried Locre Hospice Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: II. B. 19.
Formerly Private, 9163, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

HURST, WILLIAM JAMES. Corporal, L/6553.
2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 11 May 1915.
Born Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Blean, Canterbury, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 12.

KINGSLAND, ALBERT EDWARD. Corporal, 2328.
2nd/2nd (London) Field Company, Royal Engineers.
Died 21 September 1916. Aged 35.
Born Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Victoria Park, Middlesex.
Resided Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Husband of Fannie Cecilia Kingsland of 5, Pleasant Place, Cliftonville, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Buried Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, Somme, France.
Grave Ref: XXIV. J. 10.

LUCK, FRANK. Serjeant, G/469.
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 7 October 1916.
Born, enlisted and resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D.

LUCK, GEORGE. D.C.M. Lance Corporal, G/452.
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 3 July 1916. Aged 27.
Born, enlisted and resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of Edward John and Caroline Luck of 6, Essex Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Buried Millencourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.
Grave Ref: A. 21.

MINAHAN, REGINALD JAMES. Serjeant, 7612.

1st Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment.

Died 25 July 1916. Aged 30.

Born St. James, Gloucester, Gloucestershire. Enlisted Gloucester, Gloucestershire.

Son of John and Mary Minahan of Gloucester, Gloucestershire.

Husband of Evelyn Minahan of 1, Adrian Square, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Contalmaison Château Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. D. 3.

Reginald had been recommended for a commission, but was killed before leaving the front line to take it up.

MUSSLEWHITE, WILLIAM JOHN. Rifleman, S/22294.

13th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 29 April 1917.

Born Cricklade, Wiltshire. Enlisted Hampstead, Middlesex. Resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 9.

PERRINS, DONALD STEWART. Private, L/10186.

2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 28 September 1915.

Born and resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 15 to 19.

PILCHER, JOSEPH WILLIAM. Gunner, 4994.

"D" Battery, 153rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 22 September 1917.

Born Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Croydon, Surrey.

Buried Metz-en-Couture Communal Cemetery British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: III. D. 17.

POINTER, FREDERICK JAMES. Private, SS/13242.

18th Labour Company, Army Service Corps.

Died at sea 13 August 1915.

Born Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.

Panel 199 or 233 to 236 and 331.

POTTER, FREDERICK ARTHUR. Private, 275165.
2nd/4th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers).
Died 22 March 1918. Aged 21.
Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams A. Potter of "Burnley," Reculver Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated Chauny Communal Cemetery British Extension, Aisne, France.
Special Memorial.
Formerly Private, 3436, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Brother of Herbert Potter, who is the next casualty briefly commemorated.

POTTER, HERBERT ARTHUR. Rifleman, 10506.
4th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Died 28 January 1915. Aged 21.
Born and resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted London.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams A. Potter of "Burnley," Reculver Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Panel 51 or 53.

STOKES, ERNEST ALFRED. Rifleman, C/6292.
18th (Service) Battalion, (Arts and Crafts) King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Died 10 October 1916. Aged 18.
Born and resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of Thomas and Emma Stokes of 2, Richborough Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Buried A.I.F. Burial Ground, Flers, Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. B. 15.

STONE, SIDNEY GEORGE. Private, 15063.
2nd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment.
Died 1 October 1915.
Born Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted and resided Rugby, Warwickshire.
Buried Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: IV. E. 53.

WALK, ERNEST JOHN. Lance Serjeant, G/6747.
10th (Service) Battalion (Kent County), Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 8 October 1916.
Born Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted and resided Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C.

WARD, THOMAS CHARLES SHELVEY. Private, L/7880.
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 20 October 1914. Aged 20.
Born and resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted London.
Husband of Louisa Ellen Ward of 7, Tichborne Street, Brighton, Sussex.
Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. Panel 2.

WARD, WILLIAM HENRY. Corporal, 20515.
7th Divisional Signal Company, Royal Engineers.
Died 6 November 1918.
Born Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Husband of Mrs. E. A. Ward of 25, Manor House, Marylebone Road, London.
Buried Staglieno Cemetery, Genoa, Italy. Grave Ref: II. B. 6.
Formerly Private, 8838, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

WATSON, JAMES WILLIAM. Private, T/201021.
4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Attached to the 46th Casualty Clearing Station
Died 30 May 1918. Aged 19.
Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Nephew of Mrs. M. Moore of 10, Essex Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Buried Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, Somme, France.
Grave Ref: III. A. 13.

WOODWARD, ALBERT JOHN. Private, S/216.
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 12 April 1914.
Born Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted and resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Buried Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. A. 6.

WRIGHT, WILLIAM ARTHUR. Private, G/43408.
16th (Service) Battalion, (Public Schools) Middlesex Regiment.
Died 18 August 1917. Aged 24.
Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Westgate-on-Sea, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of William Wright, of Acre Wall Terrace Monyash Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire, and the late Sarah Wright.
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 115.

The Second World War

1939 – 1945

CLARKE, E. The original erroneous spelling of this casualty's surname on the war memorial, combined with the loss of his first initial on same, and the fact that all British Second World War deaths are far harder to obtain additional information on each, when compared to those lost in the Great War, resulted in the following accessing the following soldier who is probably the correct man commemorated on the war memorial:-

CLARK, ROBERT EDWARD. Private, 6284515.

4th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

Died at sea 23/24 October 1943.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Walter and Charlotte Anne Clark of Garlinge, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Athens Memorial, Greece. Face 5.

Pre war member of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

On 23 October 1943, Robert's battalion was rushed to the docks at Alexandria, Egypt and boarded two destroyers, they being H.M.S. Petard (of Enigma fame) and H.M.S. Eclipse, the latter one was a 1405 ton Royal Navy E class destroyer, commanded by Commander E. Mack, D.S.O, D.S.C, R.N. After taking the soldiers and their equipment aboard, both of the destroyers departed at speed heading for the beleaguered island of Leros, Greece, and were in fact the last infantry battalion to be sent to bolster the island's defences, with the neighbouring island of Kos having already fallen to the Germans. At around midnight when she was off the island of Kalymnos, Greece, H.M.S. Eclipse carrying the battalion mortar platoon, 'A' company and part of the H.Q. Company, detonated a mine under her forward boiler room, instantaneously setting the ships fuel tanks ablaze. Following the explosion destroyer immediately took on a heavy list and broke in two, spilling burning fuel into the sea, and within three minutes she sank. There was sadly a heavy loss of life resultant from her sinking, of the 200 Buffs onboard, 135 perished along with an equal number of naval personnel. Despite being engaged in numerous actions, the sinking of H.M.S. Eclipse resulted in the largest loss of life amongst the 4th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) on any given date throughout the duration of the Second World War, most of whom unlike Robert are commemorated on the Athens Memorial, Greece.

RALPH, ROBERT EDWARD. Warrant Officer (Wireless Op./Air Gunner), 934263.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 223 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died 14 January 1945. Aged 24.

Son of William Edward and Agnes May Ralph of Garlinge, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Leopoldsburg War Cemetery, Belgium. Grave Ref: IV. D. 5.

JORDAN, CLARENCE. Private, 2815370.

2nd Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders.

Died 2 December 1942. Aged 41.

Born Kent. Resided Canterbury.

Son of Arthur and Edith Jordan of Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Husband of Ivy Kathleen Jordan of Garlinge, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: XVII. F. 18.

Pre war member of the Seaforth Highlanders.

Regretably, as can be seen in the accompanying photographs of the war memorial, due to degeneration of same, at initial glance Clarence appears to have the surname Ordan.

SOLLY, FREDERICK THOMAS. Corporal, 1351524.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Died 20 November 1944.

Son of Thomas Henry and Kate Solly.

Husband of S. P. Solly of Garlinge, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial. Column 437.

Regretably, as can be seen in the accompanying photographs of the war memorial, due to degeneration of same, Frederick is now commemorated on same with his second initial missing.

GODDEN, P. As commemorated on the war memorial as having been a Royal Navy casualty is probably the following sailor, he being the only 'matching' Second World War Commonwealth casualty.

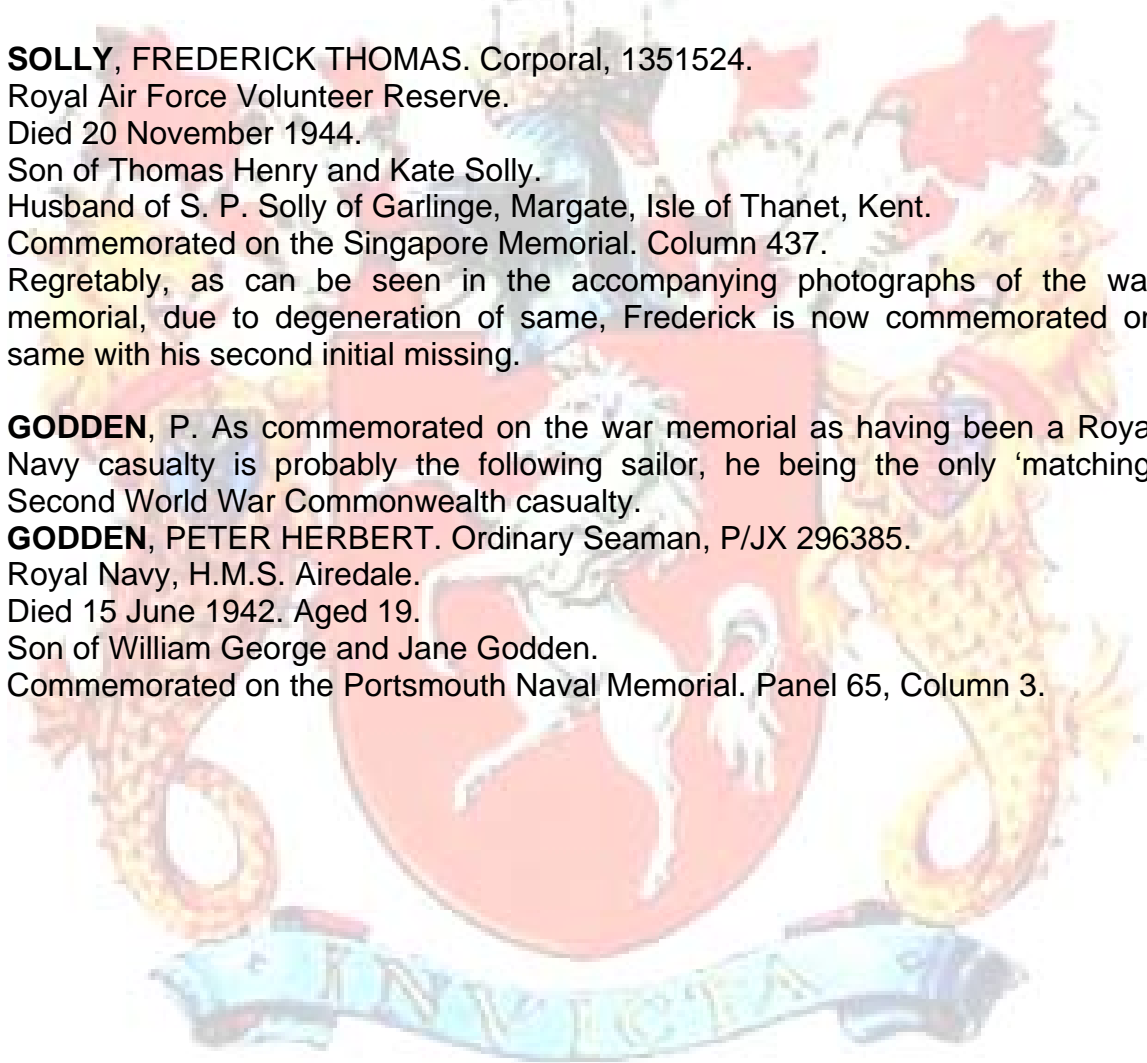
GODDEN, PETER HERBERT. Ordinary Seaman, P/JX 296385.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Airedale.

Died 15 June 1942. Aged 19.

Son of William George and Jane Godden.

Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 65, Column 3.



LANCHBERY, R. R.A.F.(V.R.). No trace. Trying variants of this casualty's surname revealed three Second World War Commonwealth casualties with the following surname, one of who was a member of the Royal Air Force but not (V.R.), who has been entered below. Clearly not a good match, and as such should be viewed with caution by anybody undertaking more detailed research on Westgate-on-Sea & Garlinge, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial at some later date.

LANCHBURY, GRAHAM DOUGLAS. Sergeant, 551039.

Royal Air Force, 242 Squadron.

Died 29 June 1943.

Buried Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave Ref: 8. E. 23.

In view of where Graham is at rest it would mean that he was amongst those who die during the construction of the notorious Burma-Siam railway, built by Commonwealth, Dutch and American prisoners of war, which was a Japanese project driven by the need for improved communications to support the large Japanese army in Burma. During its construction, approximately 13,000 prisoners of war died, and were buried along the railway.



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