

St. Mary and St. Eanswythe Church, Folkestone World War One Memorial Tablet



This copped-bronze Memorial Tablet is now mounted in St. George's Chapel, in the alcove to the right (i.e. – the south) of the nave pulpit. It measures 30(w) x 28(h) inches. It was originally installed on the wooden Shrine which still (c.2016) stands at the Church Street entrance to the churchyard. The Tablet was moved into the Church in 1993, as the Shrine was falling into disrepair. Sixty-nine men of the war dead of the parish and congregation are recorded upon it. Biographical details are given below.

The idea of a war memorial Shrine had been announced at the Annual Parish Vestry Meeting of 12th April 1917. The Vicar (The Rev. Canon P.F. Tindall) reported that he had been approached by the Mayor Sir Stephen Penfold and other townsmen about the erection of a Shrine to the memory of those men of the parish who had fallen in the war. Sir Stephen's son Lieutenant Jeffrey Penfold had been killed on 28th January 1916. The Vicar had already received several designs by the meeting date, none of which had suited him. But a "London man" had sent a design "much more in accordance with what [the Vicar] thought it ought to be", and it was submitted to the meeting for approval. Its estimated cost was £73 to £75, which was met by subscription. The Mayor and Rev. Tindall each subscribed 5 guineas.

The Shrine was dedicated on 31st October 1917. One newspaper account of the ceremony describes the, then only 39, casualties' names being inscribed on marble. Contemporary images show the design was very similar to the present layout. The Shrine was for some years the focus of Folkestone's remembrance. Reporting the Town's commemoration event in 1920, the Folkestone Express noted that "a large number of floral tributes were placed on the War Shrine at the entrance to the Parish Church."

The Folkestone Express of 3rd November 1917 reported the Shrine's dedication:

"The War Shrine in the Churchyard of the Parish Church was dedicated on Wednesday afternoon [31st October] in the presence of a large assembly, including the Mayor (Sir Stephen Penfold) who read his gallant son's name on the Roll of Honour. No more fitting occasion could have been chosen for the ceremony than the anniversary of the first Battle of Ypres, possibly the most serious point in the whole war.

"The shrine is an impressive structure, beautiful in its oaken simplicity. Beneath its red-tiled roof is a large crucifix, and below are panels which all those who pass by may read: 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' Then follow 39 names – 'the names of men from the parish and congregation who have given their lives for their King and Country.' 'Grant to them, O Lord, Eternal Rest, and may Light Eternal shine upon them.'

"The architect was Mr. H.T. Edwards, The Warren Guild, and the builders were Messrs. A.R. Mowbray & Co. Ltd, London.

"The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar (The Rev. Canon Tindall). Also taking part were the churchwardens, the clergy (led by the Ceremonial Cross), members of the Folkestone Company of the Kent Volunteer Regiment] and members of The Boys' Brigade. The first hymn sung was 'Oh God of Love, h King of Peace', and after the Blessing of the Shrine the Volunteers gave the General Salute while the trumpeters sounded 'The Last Post'. The hymn sung as the choir and people returned to the church was 'Thy Kingdom come, O God', and the hymns in the sacred fane were 'Let Saints on earth in concert sing', 'They whose course on earth is o'er', and 'O God our help in ages past', concluding with the National Anthem. There was no address, but the Vicar offered additional prayers in the Church. As the congregation left, the poignant music of 'Blest are the Departed' sobbed from the organ."

Names of subsequent casualties were added, written on stout cards. In October 1922 it was decided to mount the names in relief on "copper plates", at an additional cost of £10. A request was also put out for any additional men's' names to be given to the Vicar.

The Folkestone Herald of 5th May 1923 reported that the present metal plate, or tablet, had been fitted to the War Shrine:

"The War Shrine in the Parish Churchyard has now been fitted with a permanent bronze plate, bearing the names of the fallen men in place of the cards, which were only ever intended to be temporary. The permanent plate, which was designed by Mr. H. Evans, and executed by Mr. C.H. Stevens, has met with universal approbation."

Located in the north-west corner of the North Transept are two framed, hand-written Roll of Honour scrolls which list sixty one names of World War One casualties. The right-hand Roll of Honour scroll also lists twenty-two casualties of World War Two.

Rank: Private. Service No. G/15534
Date of Death: 27th May 1917 Age: 23
Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent 7th Btn.
Regiment)

Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Bay 2.
Cemetery/Memorial: Arras Memorial, Nord, France.

Additional Information:

Also served as Private 1514 in the 2/15th Kent Cyclist Battalion.

Killed in Action. Enlisted Canterbury.

George was born in the April – June quarter 1894. The General Register Office index reference for his birth certificate (GRO ref.) is Elham 2a.1040. He was baptised on 1st April 1894.

He was the only child of Frederick and Kate Allen, 48 Black Bull Road, Folkestone. Frederick Allen and Elizabeth Kate Coleman married in the April – June quarter 1893 (GRO ref. Canterbury 2a.1475). They moved into 162 Dover Road, Folkestone shortly after their marriage, and in 1896 to 48 Black Bull Road; apparently they remained at this address until their deaths. Frederick disappears from the local Directory after 1940, and Kate after 1947.

The 1901 Census records George, aged 7 at 48 Black Bull Road with his father (35) and mother (35). His father's occupation was given as a general porter.

The 1911 Census records only his mother Kate Allen at 48 Black bull Road. Father Frederick has not been positively located. However, the 1911 local Directory gives Frederick as the householder at no. 48, occupation window cleaner.

The 1911 Census records George (age given as 18) at Lewis, Hyland & Limon, drapers, outfitters and tailors at, 19 – 21 Rendezvous Street as a (presumably) live-in apprentice. This building is next to the present Samuel Peto public house.

In May 1917 the 7th Battalion (with the 6th) were involved in the Battle of Arras, around Monchy.

George is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Rank: Private Service No. G/13622
 Date of Death: 3rd May 1917. Age: 25
 Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent 6th Btn.
 Regiment)
 Awards: --

Grave Reference: Bay 2
 Cemetery/Memorial: Arras Memorial, Nord, France.

Additional Information:

Killed in Action. Enlisted Folkestone.

Thomas was the only son of Mr Thomas & Mrs Mary Jane Allen (nee Hills, formerly Owen). The CWGC casualty database (c.1921) gives their address as 40 Bouverie Square, Folkestone.

Father Thomas was born in Folkestone in 1854. Mary Jane Hills was born in Lyminge in the April – June quarter 1859) ref. Elham 2a.683 or 694).

Thomas and Mary married on the 14th September 1890 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1648). This was Mary's second marriage. Her first was to a John Owen, whom she married in the July - September quarter 1878. (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1401). John Owen died, aged 43, in the July - September quarter 2a.532). They had 5 children. Thomas (junior) was born in the October – December quarter 1891 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.991). He was baptised at St. Michael's Church, Folkestone on 20th December 1891.

The 1891 Census records Thomas's father (36), occupation bricklayer, and mother (32) at 4 St. Michael's Square, Folkestone with Mary Jane's children Bessie (12), John (10), Walter (8) and Emily (6).

The 1901 Census records Thomas, aged 9, at 21 Shellons Street, Folkestone. He is with his father Thomas (46) occupation bricklayer, mother Mary Jane (42) and half siblings John Owen (20), Walter Owen (18) and Emily (17).

The 1911 Census records Thomas, aged 19, at 40 Bouverie Square with his father and mother. His occupation is given as a general labourer working for Folkestone Corporation.

Thomas married Isabella F. nee Steed on 29th May 1915.

Their elder daughter Doris Emily was born on 1st September 1915.

Their younger daughter Winifred Mary was born 26th May 1917.

Thomas's service record has survived. It shows that he attested on the 10th December 1915 at the age of 24 years; he gave his occupation as a road sweeper, next of kin Bella Allen, wife. As a married man he was placed in the Army Reserve. He was mobilised on the 18th April 1916 and posted to the 2/4th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). He was further posted to the 6th Btn. on 30th December 1916.

In May 1917 the 6th Btn were involved in the Battle of Arras, around Monchy. He was posted as "Missing" on 3rd May 1917. His death was presumed on the 22nd June 1918, "as nothing has been heard of Thomas since 3rd May".

Isabella only died on the 24th December 1967.

Thomas is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the Grace Hill Council School memorial (formerly the Wesleyan Chapel School).

Rank: Private Service No. 275314
Date of Death: 25th March 1918. Age 23.:
Regiment/Service: The London Regiment 3rd Btn (City of London)
(Royal Fusiliers)
Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Panels 85 & 86.
Cemetery/Memorial: Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.

Additional Information:

Killed in Action. Enlisted Folkestone.

Also served as Private 200814 and 2955, 4th Btn. The Buffs,
William was born in the April – June quarter 1895 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1030). He
was baptised on 15th May 1895 at St. Mary & St. Eanswythe
William was the son of Mrs Mary Ann Arthur, The Star and Garter Inn, 21 Harvey
Street, Folkestone, & the late William Harry Charles Arthur, who died in the
October – December quarter 1911 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1244).

His parents William Harry C. and Mary Ann Hammond married in the October -
December quarter 1894 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2037).

On 2nd April (Census night) 1911 William was at the Star and Garter public house,
aged 15, occupation was given as a hairdresser's apprentice. He was with his father
William Harry (41), mother Mary Ann (42) and sisters Jessica Mary (14), Dorothy
Mabel (11), Gladys Kathleen (9) and Evelyn Vera (3).

William was the husband of Mrs Anna E. Arthur (nee Hollands). The CWGC
casualty database gives her address as 14 Springwell Road, Tonbridge. They
married in the January – March quarter 1917 (GRO ref. Tonbridge 2a.1379).

Their son Thomas N. Arthur was born in the January – March quarter 1917 (GRO
ref. Elham 2a.1842).

'Soldiers Died' gives his residence as Tonbridge.

William's father William Harry was buried age 43 on 13 October 1911 with a
funeral service at St. Michael's Church. Annie Arthur is noted in local trade
directories as the licensee of the Star and Garter public house, 21 Harvey Street, as
late as 1940.

William is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Rank:	Lance Serjeant	Service No. PO/15163
Date of Death:	6th May 1915`	Age: 28.
Regiment/Service:	Royal Naval Division (Royal Marines Lt. Infantry)	Portsmouth Btn.
Awards:	1914 Star	Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Panels 2 to 7.
Cemetery/Memorial: Helles Memorial, Gallipoli.

Additional Information:

Killed in Action.

Charles was born in Dover (Buckland) on 24th February 1889 (GRO ref. Dover 2a.1001).

He was the eldest son of William Valentine and Emily Jane Ashman (nee Stone), 34 The Bayle, Folkestone. They married in the September quarter 1883 at Dover (GRO ref. Dover 2a.1483).

The 1891 Census records Charles, aged 4, at 108 London Road, Buckland, Dover. He is with father William (30) occupation domestic coachman, mother Emily J. (33), plus sister Lilian J.M. (6) and younger brother Harry (1).

The 1901 Census records Charles, aged 14, at 34 the Bayle, Folkestone. He is with father William (40) occupation coachman, mother Emily J. (43), and sister Lilian. ; his occupation was a telegraph messenger.

His Service Record states he enlisted at Deal on 14th January 1908,

The 1911 Census shows that on 2nd April (Census night) Charles was on board HMS Bramble in Shanghai, as a Private in the RMLI (and single). HMS Bramble was a Royal Navy gun-boat, 1st Class, with a crew of 76, including 8 Royal Marines.

The 1911 Census also records Charles' family at 34 the Bayle. Father William (50) is a "brakesman, public lift", Harry (21) is a hotel hall porter and Lilian (26) a shop assistant.

Charles' Service Record also states he served with the Royal Marines Light Infantry Portsmouth Battalion at Dunkirk and Antwerp in 1914. He was promoted Corporal on 19th April 1913 and Acting Serjeant on 10th February 1915.

The Medal Roll Index Card has the note: "all Portsmouth Battalion casualties recorded by the CWGC as died on the 6th of May 1915 were most likely killed in the charge up Razor-Back Hill, Monash Valley, on the 3rd May 1915, but may have been killed at Anzac Beach-head on any date between 28/4/15 & 3/5/15."

The Navy Medal Roll Book states his 1914 Star was issued to his widow, Mrs E. Ashman on 31st October 1919. A further note states that this is an error and it was actually issued to his mother.

Father William died aged 80 June 1941 at Folkestone (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2576)

Charles is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Rank: Lance Corporal Service No. `38128
 Date of Death: 21st December 1918` Age: 30
 Regiment/Service: The Royal Engineers 107th Field Coy.

Awards: 1915 Star Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Plot III, C.4.
 Cemetery/Memorial: Sofia War Cemetery, Bulgaria,

Additional Information:

Entitlement to the 1915 Star from entering France on 19th November 1915.

It is believed Edward died of influenza or pneumonia, as a prisoner of war. The GRO ref. is '1918 War Death Army Other Ranks (1914- -1921) E.2.458.'

Edward was born in the July - September quarter 1888 (GRO Ref. Elham 2a.961).

He was baptised in St. Peter's Church, Folkestone on 27th June 1888.

Edward was the son of William Edward James & Amelia Jane (nee Hopkins) Bailey. His father William is described as a mariner. They married at St. Michael's church, Folkestone, on the 29th January 1888 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1201).

The 1901 Census records Edward, aged 12, with his father William (34), mother Amelia (34) and sisters Grace E. (10) and Amelia J. (6) at 2 Castles Yard, Dover Street, Folkestone.

The 1911 Census records Edward and his fiancé Daisy Wilson (age 22) as visitors at 4 Gt. Fenchurch Street, Folkestone. His occupation is given as general labourer.

The 1911 Census also records Edward's family at 1 Castles Yard, Dover Street - father William Edward (43), mariner, mother Amelia Jane (44), with siblings Amelia Jane (16) single and William Edward (6).

Edward Bailey married Daisy Wilson in the April - June quarter of 1911 (GRO Ref. Elham 2a.2035). They lived at 42 Rossendale Road, Folkestone.

In 1921 his sisters placed the following tribute in the 17th December edition of the Folkestone Herald:

"BAILEY - in loving memory of our dear brother (Ted) Edward W. Bailey who died abroad December 21st 1918.

"His duty done while here below,

He answered to the call:

To join the Army led by God,

The noblest host of all.

From Grace, Ern, and Joyce."

Edward's father William died at 1 Castles Yard, aged 63, on the 24th October 1931 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1409). Probate was given to his surviving son William Edward Alfred Bailey (metal worker); effects £105 3sh. 10d.

His mother Amelia died, aged 62, in the April - June quarter 1929 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1243).

Edward is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the St. Peter's School war memorial.

Rank: Captain Service No. --
 Date of Death: 26th September 1916 Age: 40
 Regiment/Service: Canadian Expeditionary
 Force (Infantry) 16th Btn.
 Awards: --
 Grave Reference: --
 Cemetery/Memorial: Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Additional Information:

Harry was born in Folkestone on 20th August 1876 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.937).

He was the first-born and eldest son of Thomas Henry and Julia Maria Baker (nee Putland). They married on the 4th March 1872 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1073).

Thomas's occupation is given in the Censuses as a mariner (fisherman) with his own boat. The 1911 Census records they had a total of 13 children, 6 of whom had died by 1911.

Harry was the husband of Erie Stewart Baker (nee Nesbitt), 45 La Motte Street, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands.

In the 1881 Census Harry is recorded living with his parents, aged 4, at 5 Beach Street, Folkestone.

In the 1891 Census Harry is recorded living with his parents, aged 14, at 3 Prospect Place, Folkestone. He was the eldest son, with four brothers and one sister.

Harry served in the 2nd Boer War (1899 -1902) as a trooper, then Serjeant, with the 33rd Company (1st East Kent) Imperial Yeomanry. In 1901 Harry was awarded the South African Medal; the record shows he served in the Cape Colony, the Orange Free State and the Transvaal.

The 1901 Census records a Harry Baker (born Kent), aged 26, single, as a boarder at 170 William Road, Willesden, North. London. Harry and the head of the house were builders' labourers.

Harry emigrated to Canada in 1908, aged 32. The Passenger Lists show he travelled on the Alan Line steam ship 'Victorian', and arrived in St. Johns, New Brunswick on 17th April; he gave his ultimate destination as Winnipeg.

Harry enlisted in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where he was then resident, on 28th August 1915. His address was 712 Boulevard North West and he gave his occupation as a salesman.

On his enlistment papers he stated he had served in the South African Campaign. The Canadian War Graves Register (Outcome of Casualties Records) state:.

"Previously reported wounded believed killed, now reported Killed in Action".

"During Military Operations beyond COURCELETTE, this officer went forward in an attack with his Company to take certain enemy positions. Severe Artillery and machine gun barrages were encountered, during which Captain Baker was killed"

We have not been able to trace his wife, nor the date of their marriage and her subsequent removal to Jersey.

Harry is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial, the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour and in the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance, p.49.

Harry's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Private Service No. G/22702
 Date of Death: 12th October 1917 Age: 30
 Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent 7th Btn.
 Regiment)
 Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Panel 17
 Cemetery/Memorial: Tyne Cot Memorial, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Additional Information:

Killed in Action. Enlisted Folkestone.

Henry was born at Aldershot, in the April – June quarter 1888 (GRO Ref. Hartley Wintney 1a.87).

The CWGC cemetery register states that Henry Harry was the son of Mr William Robert Banting & Mrs Helen Teresa Banting (nee Kempster) of Folkestone.

However, it seems that the ‘Folkestone’ Bantings were relatives.

His father William Robert Banting was a career cavalryman. The 1881 Scottish Census records him aged 26, single, at ‘Jock’s Lodge’, the Piershill Barracks, Leith as a serjeant. William was born in the April – May quarter of June 1855 (GRO ref. Andover 2c.165). His mother Helen was born at Oxford in 1857.

William Robert Banting married Helen Teresa Kempster in the Headington registration District, Oxfordshire, in the October – December quarter 1883 (GRO ref. Headington 3a.1208)

The 1891 Census records Henry Harry, aged 2, at the Cavalry & Artillery Barracks, St. Giles, Colchester, with father William Robert (36) & mother Helen Teresa (35).

His father’s occupation is given as a lecturer, riding master.

The 1901 Census records Henry Harry, aged 12, at the York Cavalry Barracks, Tulford Road, York, with father William Robert Banting (40), mother Helen (45), two sisters and one brother. His father is described as Captain Riding Master.

The 1911 Census records Henry Harry as a boarder, age 23, at 23 Berkley Road, Greenwich; occupation assistant grocer.

The 1911 Census records Henry Harry’s father William (56) as a widower and retired cavalry army officer at 12 Gordon Road, Exeter. With him were single daughters (ie. sisters of Henry) Irene Constance (25), Helen Teresa (23), Hilda Maud (19) all of no occupation. Henry’s mother had died in the October – December quarter of 1910 (GRO ref. Exeter 2a.165).

Father William died on the 11th January 1926 at St. Thomas, Exeter, Devon.

When Henry Harry came to Folkestone is unclear. His Army record did not survive the Blitz, although ‘Soldiers Died’ records he enlisted at Folkestone. At some point he came to stay with relatives, who by 1917 were living at 5 Grove Road, Folkestone.

The 1911 Census records a William and Eliza Banting at 1 The Avenue, Herne Bay, with two sons William and Percy. William senior died aged 68 in the October – December quarter 1914 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1155), so they had probably already moved to Folkestone. Percy Banting was a saddler and harness maker – skills badly needed in a largely horse-drawn war machine - and enlisted in the Royal Engineers on 15th April 1915. He gave his next-of-kin as his mother, address 5 Grove Road, Folkestone. Percy survived the war, returned to Folkestone and emigrated to Canada in 1923.

By 1917 even the local newspapers were heading its reports of the military tribunals hearing appeals against the call-up as "more combing out" of civilian men for the army. The Folkestone military tribunal of 10th January 1917 dealt with Henry Harry. The Folkestone Herald reported:

"The military representative appealed against the exemption to the 23rd March granted to Mr. H.H. Banting (28), single, of 5 Grove Road, grocer's assistant to Messrs Pearks, on the ground of the greater need of the army for men. – Appeal allowed, the man not to be called up before February 28th."

In October 1917 the 7th Battalion were firmly involved in the Third Battle of Ypres (otherwise known as Passchendaele), around Poelcapelle.

Henry is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Cecil Roy BARRETT

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Rank: 2nd Lieutenant.
Date of Death: 25th June 1917. Age: 26
Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery. "C" Bty. 133rd Brigade.

Awards: Military Cross. Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Plot III, G.17.
Cemetery: Reninghelst New Military Cemetery,
West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Additional Information:

Died of wounds. Enlisted in Canada.

Cecil was the second son of William Peard Barrett and Marian Elliott Barrett (nee Watson) The CWGC casualty database (c.1921) gives their address as 'Millfield House', 35 Cheriton Gardens, Folkestone.

William Barrett was born in Rodborough, Gloucestershire in the April - June quarter 1863 (GRO ref Strood 6a.304). Marion Watson was born in Headingley, Leeds, in 1867. They married in Scarborough on the 20th December 1888

By the 1891 Census Cecil's parents had moved to 97 Dover Road, Folkestone where their first son William had been born in 1890. William (senior) is described a general practitioner.

Cecil was born on 30th May 1891 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.990).

The 1901 Census records Cecil, aged, 9 at 'Millfield House', 35 Cheriton Road. He is with his father William Peard (37), mother Marian (35), elder brother William Claude Percy (11) and younger sister Ruby Marian (9), plus four servants. His father is described as a surgeon.

Cecil is not found in the 1911 Census. His parents (aged 47 and 44) remained at 'Millfield House' with their youngest son Gerald (9), together with a cook, parlour maid and house maid.

Cecil departed Liverpool on the Cunard ship 'Calgarian' for Quebec, where he arrived on the 12th June 1914; he gave his final destination as Montreal and his occupation as a bank clerk, and it is believed he worked for the Bank of Montreal. On 8th April 1915 Cecil attested in the 5th Field Artillery Brigade, Canadian Expeditionary Force as Bombardier 86508. His Canadian record (undated) states he was given the Efficiency Decoration.

Having arrived back in England, and training with the Canadians, he received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery on 2nd December 1915. He entered France on 22nd March 1916.

The citation for Cecil's Military Medal is given in the London Gazette p.9562 for 17th September 1917 states:

"for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in entering a burning gun-pit amidst exploding cartridges and rescuing one of his men. He then put out the fire himself, thus saving the gun from complete destruction, and showing splendid disregard for danger".

Cecil died of wounds received subsequent to his brave deed and had died before he could receive his decoration. His Military Medal was presented to his parents at a ceremony in Radnor Park on 20th October. The presentation was made by Colonel Burns-Begg (Town Commandant). Needless to say, the Mayor and Corporation were also present. A Military Medal was also presented to a Corporal Claude Walter, awarded for his gallantry on 1st July 1916 at the Battle of the Somme, when

he had conveyed an important message under heavy shell and machine gun fire back to Battalion Headquarters.

Cecil's father, William, died at Millfield House on the 21st January 1930

Elder brother Claude went on become a surgeon like his father. He was executor to his mother's estate. Marian died on 25 May 1935. She then living at Toft House Hotel, Manor Road, Bournemouth. Effects £10,563.

Cecil Roy is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial, the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour, Holy Trinity Church Memorial and in the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance, p.575.

Cecil's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Corporal Service No. 85266
 Date of Death: 15th February 1916 Age: 27
 Regiment/Service: Canadian Field Artillery 6th Howitzer Bgde.

Awards: --

Grave Reference: G.6.
 Cemetery/Memorial: Maple Leaf Cemetery, Comines-Warneton, Hainault, Belgium.

Additional Information:

Killed in action north of Nieppe, Belgium.

Albert was the second son of Mr George & Mrs Mary Annie Bates (nee Tiltman), 4 Thanet Gardens, Warren Road, Folkestone. They were married in St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Church on 25th October 1884, aged 28 and 24. Mary's father, Thomas, was also a mariner. The 1911 Census records they had a total of 10 children, Albert was born on 20th January 1889 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1017). He was baptised in St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Church on 7th April 1889. His father's occupation is given as boatman.

The 1901 Census records Albert, age 12, at the above address with his father George (45) occupation batman, mother Mary (40). His father's occupation was a boatman. There are three brothers and four sisters recorded with him .

Albert attended St. Mary's School, Dover Road, and had been a choirboy at St. Michael's Church. He was a member of the local Territorial force.

Albert married Ann Elizabeth Silver Foord in the July – September quarter 1910 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2353).

The 1911 Census records Albert with his wife Ann E.S. Bates (nee Foord) at 3 Thanet Gardens, Folkestone. They had no children. Albert's occupation is given as a plumber (house). Albert's parents were still at no. 4.

Albert travelled alone from Southampton to Baltimore, Maine, U.S.A. on the SS. 'Ascania', arriving on 11th March 1913. He gave his final destination as Montreal, Quebec Province, Canada. There is the death of an Annie Bates (age 25) recorded in the January – March quarter 1912 (GRO ref. Thanet 2a.1379). If this is Albert's wife it would explain his emigration to Canada for a new life. Alternatively the couple may have planned to emigrate together, but until the death certificate is purchased this must be speculation. The passenger landing form describes him as 'married'.

Albert joined the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force at Montreal on 1st February 1915. On his Attestation Form he states he is not married, his occupation plumber. He gives his next-of-kin as his mother, at 4 Thanet Gardens, Folkestone. He is mentioned in the Folkestone Herald of 4th March 1916, which records he arrived at Shorncliffe in May 1915 and left for France in January 1916.

The Canadian War Graves Register (Outcome of Casualties) records him "Killed in Action. Two miles North of Nieppe".

Albert is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial, the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour, the St. Peter's Church Roll of Honour and in the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance, p.51.

Albert's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Private	Service No.	G/1438
Date of Death:	18th August 1916	Age:	22
Regiment/Service:	The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)	8th Btn.	
Awards:	1915 Star.	Victory and British War Medals	
Grave Reference:	Addendum Panel		
Cemetery/Memorial:	Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France		

Additional Information:

Entitlement to the 1915 Star from entering France on 31st August 1915.

Killed in Action. Enlisted at Canterbury.

Frederick was born in Folkestone in October 1893 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.951). His records universally refer to him as 'Fred'.

Frederick was the son of James Maurice Burrows, and Alice Susan (*aka* Eliza) Burrows. The CWGC casualty database (c.1921) gives his address as 7 Manor Road, Folkestone. James M. Burrows married Susan Philp in the May – June quarter 1885 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1515). Susan was born in Folkestone.

The 1901 Census records Frederick, aged 7, at 16 Shorncliffe Terrace, Folkestone, with his father and mother plus an elder sister Esther (12) and two brothers Maurice C. (11) and Lennox P (4). His father was a railway inspector for the SE & C Railway, born in Bromley, Kent.

Frederick's mother Alice died, aged 43, in the October – December quarter 1906 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.674).

The 1911 Census records Frederick, aged 17, with his widower father James (48) occupation railway inspector for the SEC Railway, and sister Esther (22) at 71 Radnor Park Road, Folkestone. Frederick's occupation was a marine steward for the SE & C Railway.

Frederick joined up on a three year Short Service Attestation form on the 10th September 1914 and was initially posted to the 9th Battalion, The Buffs. The Attestation form gives his occupation as a Ship's Steward.

His Conduct Sheet survives in the National Archives. It records that on the 21st January 1915 at Worthing he was 'absent from morning parade at 7.00am.

Punishment: 7 days confined to barracks'.

Frederick arrived in France on 31st August 1915 and served there until his death.

His service records show that Frederick was admitted to hospital on 12th February 1916 with a sprained left ankle (described as a 'trivial' injury) which occurred while on sentry duty in the trenches on 23rd January.

In August 1916 the 8th Btn were heavily involved in the Battle of The Somme at Delville Wood.

Frederick's father died in the July – September quarter 1935 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1303).

Frederick is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Frederick's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Private	Service No.	G/ 68497
Date of Death:	26th April 1918	Age:	18
Regiment/Service:	The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment)	7th Btn.	
Awards:	Victory and British War Medals		

Grave Reference: Panel 14 & 15
 Cemetery/Memorial: Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.

Additional Information:

Killed in Action. The Register of Soldiers' Effects states his "death presumed", as his body was never found.

Henry George was the son of Henry & Emily Kate Butler (nee Mercer). The CWGC casualty database (c.1921) gives their address as "Toronto", Somerset Road, Cheriton, Folkestone. They married in Cheriton on the 24th April 1898 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2122). Henry Butler was born in Canterbury in 1868. Emily Mercer was a native of Folkestone and was baptised at Christ Church on 17th October 1871.

Henry George was born on the 13th August 1899 (GRO ref. Dover. 2a.1959). The 1901 Census records Henry George, aged 1, at 18 High Street, Dover, with his father Henry (32) and mother (29). His father's occupation was a baker & grocer shopkeeper.

The 1911 Census records Henry George, aged 11, at 31 Canterbury Road, Folkestone. He is with his father Henry (43), mother Emily (39) and two sisters Dorothy Alice (9) and Gladys Emmeline (8), both born in Dover. His father was the manager of the Co-operative Grocery Store at 41 Canterbury Road, Folkestone. His mother Emily died in Folkestone, aged 74, in the April – June quarter 1946 (GRO ref. Folkestone 2a.1529).

His father Henry died in Folkestone, aged 90, on 20th January 1959 (GRO ref. Folkestone 5b.745)

Henry is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

George H[arry] CLARK
(H. G. on the Civic Memorial)

L-12

Rank: Private Service No. G/23323
Date of Death: -- Age: --
Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent
Regiment)
Awards: Victory and British War medals

Grave Reference: --
Cemetery/Memorial: --

Additional Information:

Also served as Private G/22732 in the Royal West Kent Regiment, as indicated on his Medal Roll Index Card.

Commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial as H.G. Clark, a Private in The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). The St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour also list him as George H. Clark.

There is no record of a George H. Clark on the CWGC casualty database, nor in 'Soldiers Died in the Great War', with any link to Folkestone. The initial thought was that may have been possible that George was wounded but died after 31st August 1921, the last date the CWGC acknowledged for a war death. However George Harry Clark's name is reported on the original War Shrine, dedicated on 31st October 1917.

A Harry Clark is also commemorated on the Grace Hill Council School memorial (formerly the Wesleyan Chapel School).

A Harry Clark married Bertha E Beddall in the April - June quarter 1915 in the Elham Registration District (GRO ref. 2a.3158).

A George Henry Clark, Petty Officer Stoker, 168879, was serving on HMS 'Goliath' when he died in action on the 13th May 1915 in the Dardanelles. HMS 'Goliath' was lost when the Turkish destroyer 'Muavenet-i Milliye' fired two torpedoes which struck Goliath almost simultaneously abreast her fore turret and abeam the fore funnel, causing a massive explosion. 'Goliath' began to capsize almost immediately, and was lying on her beam ends when a third torpedo struck near her after turret. She then rolled over completely and began to sink by the bows, taking 570 of the 700-strong crew to the bottom.

George Henry is commemorated on Panel 11 of the Chatham Naval Memorial. He was born on the 24th April 1872 in Liverpool. This particular casualty must be regarded as highly speculative.

Rank:	Rifleman.	Service No.	372856
Date of Death:	7th October 1916	Age:	19
Regiment/Service:	London Regiment (Post Office Rifles)		1st/8th Btn.
Awards:	Victory and British War Medals		

Grave Referee: Pier and Face9C & 9D.
 Cemetery/Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

Additional Information:

Killed in Action. Enlisted Folkestone.

Sidney was born in the January – March quarter 1897 (GRO Ref. Elham 2a.1052).

He was the only son of Daniel and Florence Jane Cloke (nee Philpott). They married in the October – December quarter .1893 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1984).

The 1901 Census records Sidney aged 4, at 22 Albert Road, Folkestone. with father Daniel (30) & mother Florence (29). His father's occupation was a postman.

The 1911 Census records Sidney, aged 14, at 21 Penfold Road, with his father Daniel (40) and mother Florence (39). Sidney's occupation was a telegraph messenger. His father was a still a postman. Sidney's obituary in the Folkestone Herald notes that he had been employed for three years as a messenger, afterwards being promoted to postman.

October 1916 brought the 8th Btn. into the forward area of the Somme Battlefield north-east of Albert, at Eaucourt l'Abbaye.

The objective for the attack on 7th October was the German Gird Line, a trench system between Guedecourt and Warlencourt. The Battalion's objective was Diagonal Trench which lay below the Butte de Warlencourt. They went over the top at 1345 hrs; heavy machine gun fire from the Butte stopped the advance in its tracks. Two thirds were casualties: 40 killed, 160 wounded and 200 missing out of 650.

Sidney is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial, the St. Peter's church Roll of honour, the Oddfellows memorial (Pride of Cliffe Ledge) and Folkestone Post Office war memorial. .

Rank:	Lance Corporal	Service No.	G/293
Date of Death:	7th October 1916	Age:	21
Regiment/Service:	The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)		6th Btn.
Awards:	1915 Star		Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Pier and Face 5D
 Cemetery/Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Additional Information:

Entitlement to the 1915 Star from entering France on 1st June 1915.

Killed in Action. Enlisted Folkestone.

Frank was born in the January – March quarter 1892 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.994).

Son of Edward Dale and Fanny Court (nee Ellen). The CWGC casualty database (c.1921) records Fanny Court's address as 7 Ormonde Road, Folkestone.

Edward Dale Court married Fanny Ellen at Folkestone on the 17th May 1879 (GEO ref. Elham 2a.1426).

The 1901 Census records him with father Eduard Dale Court (43), mother Fanny (44), sister Annie and four brothers at 27 North Street, Folkestone.

The 1911 Census puts his father at 11 Harbour Street, Folkestone, occupation porter (public house).

The 1911 Census puts his mother Fanny as 'Mother-in-Law' (54, married) with her married daughter Annie Chenoweths (listed as Head of house) aged 31. Annie had a 5 month old son Wilfred. Frank's brother Cyril Court (listed as 'wife's brother' 14) was also with them at 25 Dudley Road, Folkestone. Frank's father is again recorded at 11 Harbour Street, Folkestone as (presumably) live-in porter at this public house. Frank is not found in the 1911 Census.

Frank's service record has not survived. In October 1916 the 6th Btn. were involved in the Battle of The Somme, on the Le Transloy Ridge. The objective of the Battalion was the capture of the German front line Rainbow Trench, which ran from north of Gudencourt towards Le Transloy. The trench was successfully taken and held, but with heavy casualties.

This action was part of the same battle in which Sidney Cloke (see above) was also killed on the same day, a little further west.

Frank's father Edward died, aged 62, on the 23rd June 1918. He was buried in Cheriton Cemetery, Section A grave 3946, on the 27th June. The Grave Register gives his profession as watchman.

Frank is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial, the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour and the St. Peter's Church Roll of Honour (where he is noted as 'formerly of the choir').

Frank's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Corporal Service No. 200810
Date of Death: 20th July 1917 Age: 25
Regiment/Service: The Kings (Liverpool 2nd/5th Btn.
Regiment)
Awards: Victory and British War Medals
Grave Reference: Plot VIII, D.20
Cemetery/Memorial: Cite Bo jean Military Cemetery, Armentieres,
Nord, France.

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Enlisted at Liverpool.

Stephen was the only son of Stephen Joseph & Mary Eliza Court (nee Conquest). They married in the April - June quarter 1880 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1423). They lived at 123 Dover Road, Folkestone until at least the 1901 Census.

Stephen was born in the April – June quarter 1892 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1029).

Stephen was baptised on 15th June 1892 in St. Peter's Church, Folkestone, The 1911 Census records Stephen (19) with his father (a shipping clerk (55) and mother (58) at 98 Brookmill Road, Greenwich, with an 'adopted' sister Muriel Eglinton (14). Stephen's occupation is given as a reception page at a railway hotel. We may presume he was working at a Liverpool railway hotel when he joined the army.

Stephen is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Rank: Private Service No. 2570
 Date of Death: 13th May 1915` Age: 18
 Regiment/Service: Royal Army Medical "C" Section, 82nd Field Ambulance.
 Corps
 Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Panel 56
 Cemetery/Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Enlisted Folkestone.

John Walter was the second son of Charles and Fanny Duncombe (nee Thorpe). John was born in Folkestone in the October - December quarter 1896. John was baptised on 22nd January 1896 at St. Saviour's Church, Folkestone. His address is given at 2 Alfred Cottages, Folkestone. Father Charles' occupation is given in the Baptism Register as a general labourer.

John's father, Charles Duncombe was born in Luton in 1862.

His father is recorded in the Bedfordshire Goal Register for 1879 when aged 17. Charles committed an offence against the Game Laws and was sentenced to 14 days hard labour, or 20sh. fine; the register records two previous convictions. He was committed to Bedford Goal on 3rd February 1879. His occupation is given as a glove maker, his religion Baptist. The prison sentence may account for his move to Folkestone, though he was still in Luton in the 1881 Census, occupation bricklayer. Father Charles Duncombe (28) married Fanny Thorpe (27) on 3rd January 1891 at St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Church (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1389). Charles' occupation is given as a glover. Their address is given as Alexander Street (Fanny at no. 43). The 1891 Census records Charles (29) and Fanny (26)_ as boarders at 13 Alexandra Street, Folkestone. Charles occupation is given as a glazier and lagging maker. The 1901 Census records John Walter (4) at 5 Invicta Road, Folkestone. He is with his father Charles (38) occupation bricklayer's labourer, mother Fanny (37), a step-brother Charles T. Thorpe (18) baker, and siblings George Stanley (6, born Luton), Sarah Elizabeth. (2) & Edward (1 month).

Edward was born and died in 1901.

The 1911 Census records John Walter, aged 14, at 13 Ethelbert Road, Folkestone. He is with his father Charles (49), mother Fanny (48), elder brother George Stanley (16, born Luton), and sisters Sarah Elizabeth (12) and MacDonald [sic] (8). Father Charles' occupation was a general labourer. Both sons were butchers' boys.

John's war service record has not survived the Blitz, but that of George (his elder brother) has. George attested for home service in the Royal Army Medical Corps (Territorial Force) on 29th January 1913. His service number is 2568, only two less than John's. So it is reasonable to assume that they joined up together. At the outbreak of the War in 1914 they were both mobilised for foreign service. George was awarded the 1914-15 Star medal from service in France commencing 22nd December 1914. He later joined the Military Foot Police, residing in Folkestone. George survived the war, married Louisa Mary Smith at Mitford, Norfolk on 28th January 1919 and died in Bristol in 1972.

The Folkestone Herald of 22nd May 1915, reporting letters from comrades about his death, said:

“from these it appears that deceased and the rest of his section were in a dug-out which was shelled by the Germans, killing Pte. Duncombe and another Folkestone man named “Micky” Poole, and wounding other men.

“The 82nd Field Ambulance, which includes a good proportion of local members, was sent out to France just before Christmas, and was travelling up to the front on Christmas Day.”

A friend of John Walter, writing to his sister, said:

“Wally met his death while in the dug-out at the back of the trenches. He was there with several others waiting his chance to get out with some wounded, when a shell – shrapnel, I think it was – came through the room and exploded among them. Four men were killed and five wounded. Wally was struck in the head, and death was practically instantaneous, and he was happily spared any pain. . . . Another Folkestone man, Poole by name, was also killed at the same time.”

The other Folkestone R.A.M.C. casualty appears to be Private 2518 Frederick Denby Poole, born in Flax Bourton, Somerset in 1892.

John Walter’s Medal Roll Index Card does not record a 1914 or 1915 Star medal. Nevertheless, ‘Soldiers Died’ states he was “killed in action, France and Flanders” on 13th May 1915.

John Walter is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour. His name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Private	Service No.	G/5325
Date of Death:	3rd September 1916	Age:	25
Regiment/Service:	The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)	8th Btn.	
Awards:	1915 Star	Victory and British War Medals	

Grave Reference: Pier and Face 5D.
 Cemetery/Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Additional Information:

Entitlement to the 1915 Star from entering France on 7th October 1915.

. Killed in action. Enlisted Dover.

George was born on the 11th August 1891, at 28 Dover Street, Folkestone (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1010).

George was the son of John Stephen Ellis and Jane Wray Stickells, They married in the October – December quarter 1880 (GRO ref. W. Ashford 2a.1176).

The CWGC casualty database (c.1921) records their address as 2A Folley Cottages, Warren Road, Folkestone.

George's father John was a harbour porter in Folkestone; he died on 22nd June 1903 aged 52, at 31 Great Fenchurch Street. His mother survived until 1939, dying on 21st February at Lyminge, aged 88.

The 1901 Census records George, aged 9, at 28 Dover St, Folkestone. He is with his father John [Stephen Crowfoot Flint] (50) occupation mariner and mother Jane (50). George was a pupil of Grace Hill School.

The 1911 Census records George, aged 19, as a domestic gardener with his widowed mother Jane (60), married 32 yrs, having had 3 children, at 2A Folley Cottages.

George was employed by the florists Messrs G. & A. Clark, Cheriton Road.

In 1917 & 1921 Jane Ellis is recorded at 13 Thanet Gardens Folkestone with George's sister Elizabeth Sarah (36 in 1921).

George attested in The Buffs on the 4th January 1915 and was initially posted to the 9th (reserve) Battalion, He gave his age as 23 years 4 months, and his occupation as a gardener. On the 8th he was posted to the 8th (Service) Battalion of The Buffs and went to France with them on 7th October 1915.

The 8th Battalion reached the Somme Battlefield on 25th July 1916. On the 18th August the Battalion attacked Waterlot Farm; casualties were 358 men. George's casualty sheet survives in his service records. It shows he was wounded the next day, 19th August 1916, returning to his Battalion the following day.

He was killed on 3rd September during the attack on Delville Wood where they were in action in Wood Lane Trench (which actually ran from North-West of the wood itself towards High Wood). The lane still exists and can be walked.

At least two local men (commemorated at Lyminge and Hythe) were also killed on same day.

George is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial, the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour, the St. Peter's Church Roll of Honour and the Grace Hill Council School memorial (formerly the Wesleyan Chapel School).

George's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Master	Service No. --
Date of Death:	7th March 1917	Age: 41
Regiment/Service:	Mercantile Marine	Master of the "Fenay Lodge"

Awards: --

Grave Reference: --

Cemetery/Memorial: Tower Hill Memorial, London.

Additional Information:

Drowned as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine.

Nathaniel was born in the January – March quarter 1875 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.904).

He was baptised with his brother Edward George in the Folkestone parish church on 1st June 1875; the family address is given as 2 Harvey Square.

He was the son of John Dolben & Sarah English. (nee Smithett). They married on the 22nd May 1853 in Dover (GRO ref. Dover 2a.1009). In the 1881 and 1891 Censuses their address is recorded as 2 Shellons Street, Folkestone. His father's occupation was a newspaper proprietor, a British subject but born in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1833.

Nathaniel's father John died in the in the April – June quarter 1897 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.558).

Nathaniel does not appear in the 1901 or 1911 Censuses. In 1901 his mother Sarah Lucy English, a widow aged 68, was living at 44, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, occupation newspaper proprietor. In 1911 she had moved to 35 Radnor Park Crescent, Folkestone, and living with eldest son Frederick (40), single and a house builder.

Nathaniel married Annie Bewick in the July – September quarter 1904 (GRO ref. Tynemouth 10b.333). She had been born in 1871 and brought up in North Shields, a thriving part of the Port of Tyne. Annie remarried a David Proudfoot in the April – June quarter 1923 (GRO ref. South Shields 10a.1449).

The CWGC casualty database (c.1921) records her (and David Proudfoot's) address in the Memorial Register as 44 Malone Avenue, Belfast.

His mother Sarah Lucy English died on 14th August 1921, Effects £965 3sh. 9d.

Nathaniel was an experienced seaman. His Master's Certificate for foreign-going steamships was issued on 8th February 1900, no. 001684.

The "Fenay Lodge" was a British Merchant steam ship of 3,233 grt. and launched in 1904. . She was torpedoed by U-boat U-44 and sunk 250 miles NWxW1/2W off Fastnet. The wreck's location is 51.42°N 16.11°W. The ship was en route from Mobile to Cherbourg carrying pit props.

The Kent Fallen web site relates that after the ship was torpedoed on Tuesday 6th March 1917 all twenty seven on board took to two life boats. They were picked up around noon on Wednesday by the French ship 'Ohio'. Half an hour later the 'Ohio' was herself struck by another torpedo. Five of the "Fenay Lodge" crew were drowned in this (for them) second sinking, including Nathaniel.

Nathaniel was a former pupil of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone. He is commemorated on the school's war memorial.

Nathaniel is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour.

Rank: Private Service No. G/48888
 Date of Death: 9th October 1917 Age: 35

Regiment/Service: Royal Fusiliers (City 2nd Btn.
 of London Regiment)

Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Panels 28 to 30, 162 to 162A & 163.

Cemetery/Memorial: Tyne Cot Memorial, Passchendaele, West Vlaanderen, Belgium

Additional Information:

Killed in action.

Walter Henry was born in the April – June quarter 1892 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.986). He was the son of Edmund Finn and Alice Rachel Down. They married at Christ church, Folkestone on the 4th April 1874 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1371). The 1911 Census records they had a total of seven children, three of whom survived into adulthood.

The 1901 Census records Walter (19) occupation labourer at the Pavilion Laundry, Park Farm Road, Folkestone. where his father Edmund (46) was manager. He is also with his mother Alice (46), brothers Frederick (24) and Albert (14)

Harry married Kate Louisa Richmond on the 16th December 1905 at Woodchurch, Kent (GRO ref. Tenterden 2a.1824). They had one daughter Lilian Frances, born in the October – December quarter 1908 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1077).

The 1911 Census records Harry (29), wife Kate (35) and daughter Lilian (2) at 26 Greenfield Road, Folkestone. Harry's occupation is given as contractor's van man. This employment was at the seed and corn warehouse of Mr. William Tite of Grace Hill.

Harry's wife Kate died, aged 37, in the October – December quarter 1914 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1382).

Harry had been given an exemption against his call-up by the local military tribunal, but this was withdrawn at a hearing in March 1917, and he was to be called up before 19th April.

After Harry's own death in 1917 Probate was granted to his mother Alice Rachel Finn. His effects are recorded as £41 0sh. His mother's address is given as The Richmond Tavern, 1 Richmond Street, Folkestone. One of his comrades wrote to his parents "I am sorry to lose such a friend. He was a favourite with the whole battalion, always full of fun and good for a joke."

Harry is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and, the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour.

Harry's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Private	Service No. L/7835
Date of Death:	25th March 1915	Age: 29
Regiment/Service:	The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)	2nd Btn.
Awards:	1914 Star and Clasp	Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: J.46
 Cemetery/Memorial: Bailleul Communal Cemetery, Nord, France.

Additional Information:

Entitlement to the 1914 Star from entering France on 7th September 1914.

Died of wounds.

William was the son of Harry Francis and Eliza Small. They married on Portsea Island, Hants., in the April – June quarter 1879 (GRO ref. Portsea 2b.857).

The CWGC records William Walter as the husband of Mary Alice Darling (formerly Francis), Grafty Green, Sandway, Maidstone.

William was born at Alverstoke, Gosport, Hants, in the April - June quarter 1895 (GRO ref. Alverstoke 2b.553).

The 1901 Census records William at 8 New St. Dover, aged 16 with father Harry Francis (44) whose occupation was a diver (submarine), mother Eliza F. (49) plus two brothers and one sister.

William Walter Francis married Mary Alice Burtonshaw in the April – June quarter 1907 (GRO ref. Dover 2a.2104).

The 1911 Census records William, aged 26, at 164 Heathfield Avenue, Buckland, Dover, occupation hotel waiter. His wife Mary Alice was aged 23. They had no children. Also at address was William's mother-in-law Eleanor Burtonshaw (68), widow, occupation dressmaker.

William's mother Eliza died, aged 57, in 1914. His father died, aged 85, in 1942.

William was a regular soldier and initially must have joined the 1st Btn. The History of The Buffs relates that at the outbreak of the war this Battalion was garrisoned at Fermoy, County Cork. Moving first to Cambridge then to Southampton, the Battalion embarked for France on 7th September 1914. His widow applied for William's 1914 Star and Clasp.

The "Clasp" is a bronze date bar, worn on the 1914 Star medal ribbon, for soldiers who actually served under fire of the enemy in France and Belgium between 5th August and midnight on the 22nd November 1914; this generally means the wearers saw action at Mons, though other actions included the retreat to the Aisne, the battles of Le Cateau and the Marne and the first Battle of Ypres.

The date of William's transfer to the 2nd Battalion is not known. The 2nd Btn. only arrived at Southampton from their India garrison duties on 23rd December 1914.

They entered the Ypres sector on 6th February 1915

Mary Alice married again to a Horace E. Darling in 1916. They spent some time in Folkestone, because Mary's address when she applied for William's 1914 Star (in 1919) was at 7 Linden Street,

William is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and, the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour.

Albert Francis GAINS

CL-03

Rank: Lance Corporal Service No. 6161 & 593381
Date of Death: 7th April 1917 Age: 32
Regiment/Service: The London Regiment 1st/18th Btn.
(London Irish Rifles)
Awards: Victory and British Medals

Grave Reference: Panel 54
Cemetery/Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

Additional Information:

Brother of Arthur Ernest Gains, below.
Also served as Private 4561m the Buffs,
Killed in action. Enlisted Canterbury.
Son of Mr William Alfred & Mrs Emma Eugenie Gains (nee Davies), 34 Marshall St., Folkestone. They married at Christ Church, Folkestone on the 18th April 1881 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1508).
Albert was born in the January - March quarter 1885 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1073).
The 1901 Census records Albert Francis at 34 Marshall Street, aged 16, occupation bricklayer, with his father William (44) occupation bricklayer, mother Emma (44), and brothers William J (18), Alfred Percy (11) and Arthur Edward (4).
The 1911 Census records the same house details, except brother William (now 28) is not at home.
Brother Alfred Percy seems to have survived the War, as there is no record of him in the CWGC database. He served in the East Kent Regiment as Private 201362; he received the British War Medal.
Albert Francis is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Arthur Ernest GAINS

CL-04

Rank: Rifleman Service No. A/200268
Date of Death: 12th October 1918 Age: 22
Regiment/Service: Kings Royal Rifle Corps 16th Btn.
Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Panel 9
Cemetery/Memorial: Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Additional Information:

Brother of Alfred Francis Gains, above.
Also served in the London Rifles (No. 6226).
Died of wounds. Enlisted Canterbury.
His family details match those of his brother.
Arthur is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Rank: Private Service No. 23246
Date of Death: 4th May 1917 Age: 39
Regiment/Service: East Surrey Regiment 8th Btn.
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Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Plot I, E.17.
Cemetery/Memorial: Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas de Calais, France.

Additional Information:

Died of wounds. Enlisted Canterbury.

Thomas John was the son of Thomas George & Eliza Gibson; (nee Parker), and husband of Isabel Gibson, 29 Shellons Street, Folkestone.

Thomas George Gibson and Eliza Parker married on the 29th August 1871 at Christ Church, Folkestone (GRO ref. (Elham 2a.1252).

Thomas himself was born in the July - September quarter 1878 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.965).

The 1901 Census records Thomas, aged 22, at 30 Shellons Street with his father Thomas George (53), mother Eliza (50) & sister Ethel Louise (17). The occupation of the Thomases, father and son, is stated as packer and furniture remover (working on their own account).

Thomas John Gibson married Isabella Chapman in the April – June quarter 1906 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2267).

The 1911 Census records Thomas, aged 32, at 29 Shellons Street with his wife Isabella (35); they had no children. Thomas's occupation was given as an auctioneer's porter. His parents remained and sister Ethel at no. 28.

Thomas is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the Christchurch School Great War Memorial Plaque.

Rank:	Lieutenant	Service No. --
Date of Death:	28th October 1914`	Age: 24
Regiment/Service:	Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)	'A' Coy., 1st Btn.
Awards:	1914 Star	Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Panels 30 and 31
 Cemetery/Memorial: Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Additional Information:

His Medal Roll Index Card states his entitlement to the 1914 Star was from service in France; from 7th September 1914.

Killed in action. Enlisted Canterbury. Sidney is the second of the men commemorated on this tablet to be killed.

Son of Dr. Alfred J. Gore & Mrs [Edith] Gore, "Kingston", Cherry Garden Ave, Folkestone. Dr. Alfred Gore is noted in Census returns variously as a surgeon and medical practitioner. He was born in 1864 in Ballarat East Victoria, Australia. Alfred (22) married Edith Tomkins (21) on 29th December 1885 at St. Stephen's Church, South Lambeth.

Sidney was born on 12th July 1889 in Barry, Glamorgan (GRO ref. Cardiff 11a.391).

The 1911 Census records Sidney's parents plus three brothers and two sisters at 2 Beachborough Villas, Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone.

By the 1911 Census Sidney Kingston Gore was already a serving officer. He is recorded at the Queens (West Kent Regt.) Depot, Borden, Hants. He is noted as 2nd Lt, 3rd Btn. "Commissioned Officer".

De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour (Vol. 1, p.157) records Sidney was "gazetted 2nd Lieutenant 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion. Royal West Kent Regt. May 1910, transferred to the 1st Battalion. 14 Dec. 1912, and promoted Lieutenant 17th September 1917".

De Ruvigny goes on to say –

"killed in action near Neuve Chapelle on 28 Oct. 1914; *unm.* There had been severe fighting for three days, and only three officers were left in the battn. Sergt. Elson stated that the regt. was surrounded, that Lieut. Gore and A Coy. went forward to take up the flank fire after the Wiltshires and Irish Rifles had retired, and that Lieut. Gore was shot through the head and his body was found the next day. Col. Martyn, his commanding officer, wrote: "He was a gallant officer, beloved by the whole regt., who greatly mourned his loss." He was buried in wood close to the spot where he fell".

Sidney's father Alfred J. Gore died, aged 73, on the 12th August 1936. Probate was granted to his widow Edith; effects £4,229 14sh. 9d.

Sidney was a former pupil of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone. He is commemorated on the school's war memorial and on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Sidney's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Private Service No. 553159
 Date of Death: 8th April 1917 Age: 19
 Regiment/Service: The London Regiment 16th Btn. (1st Queen's Westminster Rifles)

Awards: Victory and British War Medals.

Grave Reference: Plot VI, J.7.

Cemetery/Memorial: Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery, Saulty, Pas de Calais, France.

Additional Information:

Died of Wounds. Enlisted at Folkestone. First served as Private 6658.

Thomas was younger of the two sons of Thomas Cornelius Hall and Catherine Annie Bing. They were married in the October – December quarter 1890 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1907).

The 1890 Census records Thomas Hall and Annie Bing (both 'married') as steward and stewardess on the S.E.R. cross-channel ship 'Louise Dagmar', which ran on the Folkestone – Boulogne route.

Thomas's brother John Sydney was born on the 6th August 1891 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1007). He was baptised at St. Peter's on 30th September 1891. The family address was given at 3 East Cliff, Folkestone; his father's occupation was a Mariner.

Thomas himself was born in the July – September quarter 1897 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1946).

Thomas was baptised St. Peter's church on 8th September 1897. The family address was given at 3 East Cliff Villas, Folkestone; his father's occupation was a steward on a 'S.E.R. boat'.

The 1901 Census records Thomas, aged 3, with his father Thomas Cornelius Hall (36), mother Catherine A. Hall (35) and elder brother John (9), at the Harbour Hotel, 24 Harbour Street, Folkestone. His father's occupation was a licensed victualler (and an employer).

The 1911 Census records Thomas (13) with his father Thomas Cornelius (46) and mother Catherine A. (44) at the Harbour Hotel. The CWGC casualty database gives his parents' address (presumably in c.1921) as 11 Limes Road, Folkestone.

Thomas's service record has not survived, but his service number of 6658 suggests he joined up in late May 1916.

March 1917 found the 1st. Btn. Queen's Westminster Rifles (Q.W.) billeted in Achicourt and manning the front line to the east of Beaurains, two villages south of Arras (and now suburbs of the present day town), making preparations for the forthcoming Battle of Arras, which began on Monday 9th April.

On March 30th the battalion went up to the line at Preussen Weg and after being relieved by the 12th Londons the Q.W's marched 10 miles to Monchiet. They remained here until April 7th, giving as much time as possible to the training of all ranks, and in the practising of new formations for the attack. On the evening of April 7th the Q.W's returned to their former billets in Achicourt. April 8th was Easter Sunday. At about 1a.m a few shells were fired into the village when a barn being used as a billet was set alight. The company immediately turned out and succeeded in stopping the flames from spreading. This fire was the beginning of a series of minor disasters. About midday the town was again shelled, this time 'B'

company headquarters received a direct hit, which caused part of the building to collapse and inflicted many casualties. This bombardment ceased at about 1pm, but started an hour later, when a shell fell on a lorry loaded with ammunition, forming part of a convoy standing on the Arras road. The lorry immediately burst into flames and the fire spread, until eventually about 20 lorries were blazing. In a few moments the ammunition began to explode. The houses in the square were set alight and a tremendous fire raged which was difficult to extinguish. The square was practically destroyed; many billets collapsed and large quantities of stores and equipment were buried beneath the ruins. Many gallant deeds were performed in fighting the flames and in rescuing the injured and wounded. The battalion lost one officer and 16 other ranks were killed and 31 wounded. Thomas must have been one of the 31.

Thomas died at No. 32 Casualty Clearing station (CCS), which in April 1917 was located adjacent to the old railway Halt near the village of Warlincourt, 13 miles south-west of Arras on the road to Doullens. The cemetery had been in use since June 1916. No. 32 CCS had presumably set up at Warlincourt in preparation for the Battle of Arras.

The Casualty Clearing Station was part of the casualty evacuation chain, further back from the front line than the Aid Posts and Field Ambulances. The job of the CCS was to treat a man sufficiently for his return to duty or, in most cases, to enable him to be evacuated to a Base Hospital. It was not a place for a long-term stay. CCS's were generally located on or near railway lines, to facilitate movement of casualties from the battlefield and on to the hospitals. Although they were quite large, CCS's moved quite frequently. The locations of wartime CCS's can often be identified today from the cluster of military cemeteries that surrounded them.

Thomas was a former pupil of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone. He is commemorated on the School's Great War memorial plaque.

Thomas is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Thomas's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Private Service No. 881604
 Date of Death: 7th September 1918` Age: 18
 Regiment/Service: The London Regiment 34th Btn.

Awards: Victory and British War Medals.

Grave Reference: K.19
 Cemetery/Memorial: Sailly-Labourse Communal Cemetery Extension,
 Pas de Calais, France.

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Enlisted Stepney

Alfred Randell Hewitt was born in the October – December quarter 1899 (GRO ref. Rochford (Essex) 4a.648).

Alfred's father Arthur John and mother Emma Hewitt (nee Rodwell) were married in the October - December quarter of 1895. Their Banns are recorded as being called (for the 3rd time) on 20th October 1895 at the church of St. Mary and St. Magdalene, Woolwich, where Arthur was resident; Emma was a resident of Camden Town. Their marriage GRO reference is Pancras 1b.225.

The 1901 Census records Alfred R, aged 1, with his mother Emma Hewitt and elder brother Joseph John (4). They were staying with Emma's mother, Jane Rodwell (a widow, aged 54); Jane's occupation is given as innkeeper at the Hawk Inn, Shoeburyness, Essex. .

The 1901 Census records Alfred R's father, Arthur John Hewitt (27) at the Shoeburyness Barracks as a Corporal in the Royal Artillery,

The 1911 Census records Alfred R. age 11, at 2 Durrant Road, Chesterfield, with father Arthur John (38) & mother Emma Hewitt (40) together with elder brother Joseph J. (14), 2 other brothers and a sister. Arthur John's occupation is given as a coachbuilder.

No service records survive for either Arthur R or Joseph J. Hewitt.

There is no mention of Alfred R. Hewitt's connection to Folkestone on the CWGC database, or 'Soldiers Died'. No such name is given in Folkestone Census Returns. His father and mother moved to the town between 1911 and 1920. Arthur John and Emma Hewitt appear in the Electoral Registers from 1920 to 1934 at 1 South Street, Folkestone.

Alfred's parents both long survived him. His father Arthur John Hewitt died, aged 79, in June 1951 at Curtsmill Green, Epping, Essex (GRO ref. Epping 5a.76).

His mother Emma Hewitt (nee Rodwell) died aged 101 in April 1970 in Shoreditch (GRO ref. Hackney 5b.1452). She had been born on 30th April 1870 in Mile End, Stepney (GRO ref. Mile End 1c.589). Her own father had been a lock keeper at Limehouse, their address being given in 1881 and 1891 as 'The Lock House on the Canal Towing Path'.

Rank: Serjeant Service No. 85757
 Date of Death: 20th December 1917 Age: 37
 Regiment/Service: Royal Garrison Artillery 277th Siege Bty.

Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: .Plot IX, D.17.
 Cemetery/Memorial: Grevillers British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

Additional Information:

Died of wounds. Enlisted at Dover.

Theophilus was the son of Walter Stephen and Harriet Hogben. The CWGC casualty database (c.1921) gives their address as 121 Cheriton Road, Folkestone. His mother Harriet ("Hetty") Allen was born in Acrise in the July – September quarter 1852 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.603). They married in the October – December quarter 1878 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1679).

Theophilus was born in the October – December quarter 1880 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.925). He was baptised at Christ Church on the 21st November 1880.

The 1881 Census records Theophilus, aged 7 months at 5 Dover Street, Folkestone, with his father Walter (30) occupation baker (a master and employer of 2 men and 1 boy), mother Harriet (28) and 3 boarders (presumably the employed).

The 1891 Census records Theophilus (10) at 54 Dover Street, Folkestone, with his father Walter (40) occupation baker, mother Harriet (38), brothers Walter (7) & Frank (3) and sisters Dorothy (5) & Ruby (1); plus 3 boarders (employed baker's assistants).

The 1901 Census records him, aged 20, at 39 Tontine Street with his father (50, a baker) and mother Harriet (48), plus 3 brothers and 3 sisters, including Ruby (11). Theophilus's occupation was an auctioneer's clerk.

His father Walter Stephen died aged 55 in the January – March quarter 1906 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.725).

The 1911 Census records Theophilus, single (30) occupation photographer. He is with his mother Harriet (58), a widow, brothers Frank (23) & Stewart (16) and sisters Ruby (21) & Nellie (19). No. 16 Tontine Street appears in the Local Directories as a newsagent and confectioners shop.

Sister Ruby married Samuel D. Paterson in September 1911. They then lived at 16 Tontine Street. The shop became called Paterson & Hogben newsagents.

Theophilus attested on the 12th December 1915 at the age of 35 years, 103 days. He was single, gave his occupation as a stationer and lived at 16 Tontine Street Folkestone. It seems he was not actually called up until after April 1916. At the East Kent Military Tribunal on 14th March he was given one month postponement. Theophilus embarked at Southampton for France with the 277th Siege Battery on the 21st March 1917, arriving at Le Havre the next day. He was promoted to Corporal 'in the field' on 28th June and Acting Serjeant on the 29th September. He died from 'wounds received in action' on 20th December 1917.

His mother died aged 76 in the January – March quarter 1928 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2376).

Theophilus is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the Grace Hill Council School memorial (formerly the Wesleyan Chapel School).

Vere de HOUGHTON
(Vere de HOGHTON)

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Rank: Captain and Adjutant Service No. --
Date of Death: Between 11th and
13th October 1915 Age: 33
Regiment/Service: Lincolnshire Regiment 1st/5th Btn.
Awards: 1915 Star Victory and British War Medals
Grave Reference: Panels 31 to 34
Cemetery/Memorial: Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Additional Information:

The Medal Roll Index Card states his entitlement to the 1915 Star was from service in France, but date is given.

Killed in action.

Vere was born in Sitapore, India on 6th March 1882. He was the second son of Sir James de Hoghton, Baronet, and Lady Aimie Jean de Hoghton of Hoghton Towers, Preston, Lancashire.

The family have a strong link to the town. His father was the senior instructor at the School of Musketry at Hythe in 1893-93.

The 1891 Census records Vere as a pupil at the Pretoria House School, Grimston Avenue, Folkestone. Vere's sister Joan was born in Hythe, Kent in 1892 (from 1901 Census of Hoghton Towers). Vere subsequently went on to Harrow School. The 1911 Census (Summary Book) records Lady de Hoghton at 13 Millfield, Folkestone. Local Directories list her at this address between 1906 and 1916.

The Times published his obituary on Thursday 21st October 1915 (p.12: under 'Fallen Officers'). It states that he received his first commission in the Lincolnshire Regiment from the Militia in 1901 and was promoted Lieutenant in 1904; he served nine years in India with the Regiment. He was promoted Captain in 1913. He was then Adjutant of the 5th (Territorial Force) Btn, the Lincolnshire Regiment.

Vere (29) married Alice Dorothy Patience Hollins (25) at All Saints, Marylebone on 9th November 1911 (GRO ref. St. Marylebone 1a.1234)".

They had one daughter, Diana. She was born in the October - December quarter 1913 (GRO ref. Grimsby 7a.1063).

Vere was killed during the Battle of Loos, in an attack by his Battalion on the Hollenzollen Redoubt near Auchy-les-Mines. The 1st/5th Btn Lincolnshire Regiment was part of the 46th (North Midland) Division.

The Wills and Probate Index states

"Vere de Hoghton of Hoghton Tower, Lancashire died 13th October 1915 in France, killed in action. Probate, London, 3 Feb. 1916 to Alice Dorothy Patience de Hoghton, widow. Effects £465 17sh, 3d."

Vere's wife Alice D. P. de Hoghton married again in the April - June quarter 1921 to a Joseph Eccles (GRO ref. Cirencester 6a,779).

Vere and Alice's daughter, Diana de Hoghton, was married on 6th July 1937, the event being recorded in The Times Marriage Section the next day. Her husband was Brian Peirson Thesiger Doughty-Wylie (Royal Welch Fusiliers)

Vere is also commemorated on the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour.

Vere's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Private Service No. 82728
 Date of Death: 24th April 1918 Age: 19
 Regiment/Service: The London Regiment Posted 2/2nd Btn.
 (Royal Fusiliers)
 Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Panels 19 to 21
 Cemetery/Memorial: Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Enlisted at Deal. Formerly Private 27331 12th Btn., Middlesex Regiment ('Soldiers Died' says 6th Btn).

Robert was the son of Arthur Scott and Emily Louisa Jones, 10 Bournemouth Gardens, Folkestone.

Robert's father was born in St Peter Port, Guernsey on 5th August 1868. His parents were Robert Jones and Mary Ann Scott.

The 1891 Census records Arthur as a boarder, single aged 22, at 21 Erleigh Road, Reading, Berkshire. He was then a chemist's apprentice.

Robert's father Arthur Scott Jones married Emily Louisa Huggins on 15th June 1891 at St. Giles Church, Reading. She was born in Wallingford, Berkshire

Robert was born in the April – June quarter 1898, in Barham, Kent (GRO ref. Bridge 2a.828).

The 1901 Census records Robert aged two, with his father (32, an assistant chemist), mother (31), and one elder brother, Arthur Murray Jones (7), at 19 Albion Road, Folkestone.

The 1911 Census records Robert single (12), with his father (42), an assistant chemist), mother (41), plus his elder brother and an elder sister Gladys Elsie (19), at 10 Bournemouth Gardens, Folkestone.

Robert's service record has not survived but the Medal Award Record shows he served with the Middlesex Regiment in France from 20 August 1917. He was posted to the Royal Fusiliers on 13th April 1918

In April 1918 the 2/2nd Battalion deployed to France, landing at Marseilles and then moved to Rouen.

Robert is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Rank:	Private	Service No.	21282
Date of Death:	28th September 1918	Age:	24
Regiment/Service:	Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment)	10th Btn.	
Awards:	--		

Grave Reference: Plot III, B.6.
 Cemetery/Memorial: Hayencourt British Cemetery, Nord, France.

Additional Information:

On his attestation George says he was born in Folkestone. However, the GRO index of births says Strood in the April - June quarter 1896 (ref. Strood 2a.570).

George's father Richard [Edward] Kennett married Alma Elizabeth Petley in the October - December quarter 1875 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1711).

The 1901 Census records George, aged 5, at 86a Marshall Street, Folkestone with his mother Alma (43), listed as 'Head [of household], Married' with 3 sisters and 3 brothers (Benjamin 16, baker, Jethro 9 & Harry 7). His father (46) was not at home. In 1891 he was a general labourer.

George, with his mother Alma (50) departed Liverpool. on 4th November arriving on 14th Nov 1908, at Quebec, Canada (age 14) on vessel Canadian Pacific Line vessel 'Lake Champlain'.

George's attestation states his birth as 24th February 1895. ie.- he added a year so as to appear 18 at his attestation!

He attested at Valcarier, Quebec, on 24th September 1914; he gave his occupation as a tinsmith. Originally posted to the 11th Btn., B Coy.

His next of kin was recorded as Mrs Alma. Kennet, 29 Somerset Road, Cheriton, Folkestone.

The Canada War Graves Register (Circumstances of Casualty): states:

"during an attack at Hayencourt about 8.46 am on September 28th 1918, he was hit in the leg by enemy machine gun bullets and while proceeding to the dressing station he was hit in the head and instantly killed".

The family believe his mother Alma returned to the UK in early 1917, re-emigrated in September 1917 and died on 31st March 1918 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

George is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Rank:	Lance Corporal	Service No. L/9878
Date of Death:	20th October 1914	Age: 19
Regiment/Service:	The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)	1st Btn.
Awards:	1914 Star and Clasp	Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Panel 2
 Cemetery/Memorial: Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainault, Belgium.

Additional Information:

James Arthur's Medal Roll Index Card states his entitlement to the 1914 Star was from service in France from 7th September 1914.

Killed in action. Enlisted Dover. James Arthur is the first of the men commemorated on this tablet to be killed.

James Arthur was born in Shorncliffe, Folkestone, on 14th April 1895 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1028).

James was the son of Rosa Alice Lake and the late Serjeant James Lake, 27 Albion Road, Folkestone. James Arthur was the third son; his elder brothers were George William Henry (born 12th April 1891) and Joseph Downing. (born 4th May 1893). He had one sister Hilda (born 13th June 1896).

James Arthur's father; James was a career soldier. He attested in the Gloucestershire Regiment on 4th August 1882. He served in the East Indies between 18th. December 1883 until 28th February 1886, returned home and served at Shorncliffe Camp until 1899 as a military foot policeman. He was then posted to Egypt from 11th February 1899 until his death later in the year.

Father James Lake married Rosa Alice Tribe at the Congregational Chapel, Folkestone on 24th November 1890.

The family were formally brought onto the married establishment at Shorncliffe on 24th November 1890. Father James was posted to Egypt on 11th February 1899; he died at the Citadel Hospital, Cairo on 20th November 1899.

The 1891 Census records father James (27) a corporal in the military foot police at Shorncliffe Camp. Rosa (24) is at 22 Darlington Place, Folkestone.

The 1901 Census records Rosa aged 34 and a widow, with three sons at 84 Linden Crescent, Folkestone (living in two rooms).

The 1911 Census records James Arthur (15) at 27 Albion Road, Folkestone, with his mother Rosa (44). Also in residence were his elder brother George W. H. aged 19 single, occupation servant valet and Rosa's mother Rachel Tribe (70).

James Arthur was a regular soldier. He enlisted on the 4th October 1912. He was appointed Lance Corporal on 10th October 1913.

James Arthur's charge sheet survives in his records. It shows that on 10th March 1914, at Fermoy, he was reprimanded for being improperly dressed on parade.

At the outbreak of the war the 1st Battalion was garrisoned at Fermoy, County Cork. Moving first to Cambridge then to Southampton, the Battalion embarked for France on 7th September 1914. On the 21st September the 1st Battalion took over trenches on the Aisne. Then followed the attempt by each side to outflank the other in the race to the Channel coast. On 18th October they made their first attack on the village of Radinghem, near Armentieres. James was killed in the inevitable counter-attacks.

James Arthur was first posted 'missing' on 20th October 1914.

He is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial, the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour and the Grace Hill Council School memorial (formerly the Wesleyan Chapel School).

James's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

James Arthur's brother, **Joseph Downing Lake**, is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the Grace Hill Council School memorial (formerly the Wesleyan Chapel School). Curiously, he is not named on either of the church memorials. He was a private (L/9095) in the 2nd Battalion, The Queens (Royal West Surrey) Regiment. He died the day after his brother on 21st October 1914. He joined The Queens Regiment for twelve years as a boy soldier, aged 14, from the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover on 22nd May 1907. His trade was a tailor; his army employment sheet on 12th November 1913 describes him as a "clean, hardworking man & is a good tailor". He served in Gibraltar, Bermuda and South Africa before returning home to the UK on 20th September 1914

Joseph has the 1914 Star medal and Clasp, having entered France on 4th October 1914. He also was awarded the Victory and British War medals.

Joseph is commemorated on Panel 11 – 13 & 14 of the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

James Arthur's other brother **George William Henry Lake** also joined the army from the Duke of York's Military School. He attested in London with the Royal Engineers on the 3rd May 1906, aged 15. Sadly he did not remain a soldier. His service record states that he was discharged on 20th May 1909 at Curragh Camp "not being likely to become an efficient soldier." "Physically unfit for the ranks." His rank at that time was a trumpeter. He survived the war.

Rank:	2nd Lieutenant	Service No. --
Date of Death:	8th October 1918`	Age: 21
Regiment/Service:	The Royal Fusiliers	6th Btn. Attached 10th Btn.

Awards: 1914-15 Star Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Plot I, C.1.
 Cemetery/Memorial: Bois-les-Angles British Cemetery, Crevecoeur-sur-l'Escaut,
 Nord, France.

Additional Information:

Harold's Medal Roll Index Card states that the 1914-15 Star medal was applied for by his mother.

Harold was born in Butterworth, Penang, the Straits Settlement (now Malaysia) on 10th September 1897. Butterworth was (and is) the mainland port for the ferry to Penang Island.

Harold's service record has not survived; but he seems to have had no personal direct link to Folkestone Parish Church. Harold came from a family of Planters in what is now Penang, Malaysia. At least three of his siblings moved into Folkestone in the 1920's, and died here. In 1918 (19th October) his Grandmother, a Mrs Bewsher, address 26 The Bayle, announced his death in the Folkestone Herald. No doubt they wished to commemorate their brother and grandson here.

The CWGC casualty database records Harold as the son of John and Harriet Lamb, Janak Estate, Janak Station, Port Wellesley, Penang Straits Settlement.

Formerly a Private in the East Kent Regiment (the Buffs no. G/20152).

Harold died on the opening day of the second battle of Le Cateau. The 10th Btn's objective was the sunken roads north west of Hurtebise Farm about two miles away. The 1881 Census. Records Harold's father John Lamb, aged 11 as the son of Lucy Scott. Lamb (nee Brown), married aged 35, occupation 'wife of Planter' and born in the Penang Straits Settlement. Their address was 'Rosebank', Victoria Road, Kingston on Thames. John had been born on 24th June 1894.

Harold's father John Lamb (24) married Harriet Jane Caroline Crow on 2nd April 1894 in the Penang Straits Settlement. They had a total of seven sons and three daughters. Harold was their second son.

John's obituary says he was one of the pioneer sugar and rubber planters of Malaya, having arrived there in 1887 after his father's death. . The Straits Settlement Government Gazette of 23rd December 1904 records John Lamb, planter, as a Juror; address Prye Estate, Province Wellesley.

John Lamb died aged 72 on 14th August. 1941, at his residence at Otterburn, in Butterworth, Province Wellesley, Penang, Malaysia.

Harold's mother Harriet Crowe was born 10th December.1875, at Akyab, Burma. Harriet died on 13h February 1942. She was on board the ship HMS Giang Bee with over 300 other refugees. This Chinese-owned steamer had been commandeered by the Royal Navy. It was one of the last ships to leave Singapore harbour on 12th February (the island fell on the 15th). It was bombed and shelled by the Japanese in the Banka Strait, about 120 miles south of Singapore. Harold is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial and the Singapore Cenotaph on the Padang.

Rank:	2nd Steward	Service No. 891639
Date of Death:	8th November 1916	Age: --
Regiment/Service:	Royal Naval Reserve	"HMS Riviera"
Awards:	1914-15 Star	Victory and British war Medals
Grave Reference:	Panel 20	
Cemetery/Memorial:	Plymouth Naval Memorial	

Additional Information:

William was born in Sandling, Kent; baptised 6th May 1892.

Only son of Annie Eleanor Lord, (nee Le Gros), 157 Seabrook Road, Hythe, and the late Richard Henry Lord.

William came from a family of railway men. The 1871 Census records his grandfather William Akers Lord as station master at Bromley Station, and in 1881 at Chislehurst Station.

William's father Richard Henry Lord married Annie Elenora (Eleanor) le Gros on 1st or 5th June 1884 at Chislehurst, Kent (GRO ref. Bromley 2a.636). Annie was a native of Jersey.

The 1891 Census records William's father Richard Henry (30) at Sandling Junction Station, occupation railway station master. With him was his wife Annie (31) and four daughters aged 5 to 1.

The Local Directory for 1896-97 shows Richard Henry as station Master at Shorncliffe Station (now Folkestone West). The family residence was at Rose villa, Coolinge Lane, Folkestone.

William's father Richard died in the July – September quarter 1896 aged 36 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.94). Ancestry.co.uk records his burial as taking place in Folkestone on the 7th September 1896.

The 1901 Census records William (8) at 8 Invicta Terrace, Cheriton, Folkestone. Head of the household was his mother Annie Eleanor Lord, (41), a widow living on her own means. Also at home were William's five sisters.

The 1911 Census records William aged 18 at the above address, occupation shop assistant, (fancy stationery and bookseller). Also at home was his mother Annie (52), a monthly nurse, and one sister Lena (25) single.

The 1911 Census also records William's future wife Beatrice May Baker at 17 Abbot Road (23) single, occupation shop assistant, fancy goods. Her father was Thomas Mackett Baker (62), mother Emma Baker (59). Married 37 yrs, 7 children (1 dead). Beatrice was the youngest daughter.

William Akers Lord married Beatrice May ("Trixie" Baker on 15th January 1916 at St. Mary & St. Eanswythe's Church (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2336). They lived at 22 Foord Road, by then home of Beatrice's parents. They had both worked for Messrs F.J. Parsons, Sandgate Road.

After his death probate was granted on 8th June 1917 to his widow Beatrice May. His effects were valued at £150 7sh. 8d. The Probate records he "died . . . at sea on active service". The Folkestone Herald of 18th November 1916 reported William had died from injuries received in an explosion on board a tender whilst on his way to rejoin his ship.

Prior to his war service William was employed as an assistant steward in the marine department of the South East & Chatham Railway.

The CWGC casualty database records him as being a member of the crew of the HMS "Riviera", a cross-channel steamer converted to an aircraft carrier and used with the Dover Patrol. However, the CWGC Memorial Register itself states he was "killed in HMS Zulu by mine explosion in the Straits of Dover".

HMS Zulu was an F-class destroyer of 1,027 tons, built on the Tyne in 1909. On 8th November HMS Zulu was on patrol off Dunkirk and Gravelines when she struck a mine laid by the U-boat UC1, and the stern fell away. After dry docking at Calais she was towed to Chatham by the end of the month. The stern lies at 51° 03' .40"N, 02° 00/40"E. She was rebuilt with the stern part of HMS Nubian being added to her.

HMS Nubian was taking part in a night action on 26/27th October 1916 against German destroyers raiding the Dover Patrol fleet, when she was torpedoed by a German destroyer off Folkestone, Nubian's bows were blown off trying to ram one of her attackers. The two surviving ships' sections were joined together and the "new" ship renamed HMS Zubian. She was commissioned in June 1917.

William's widow Beatrice married again to an Arthur Collins in the April - June quarter 1918 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2423).

William is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the SE&C Railway war memorial at Dover Marine Station (now the Cruise Terminal One).

William's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Serjeant	Service No.	117406
Date of Death:	25th August 1917	Age:	--
Regiment/Service:	Canadian Expeditionary Force	2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles Btn.	
Awards:	--		

Grave Reference:

Cemetery/Memorial: Vimy Memorial, France.

Additional Information:

Born 19th September 1885 (GRO ref. (for December quarter) Elham 2a.1002).

Donald was baptised on 24th November 1895 at St. John the Baptist, Folkestone.

Their address was 33 Tontine Street; his father was a butcher.

The 1901 Census records Donald Major at home with his father William Henry (42) and mother Alice Florence Major (40) and younger brother Roland (12). Father's occupation is given as a master butcher.

Donald attested in Canada on 11th January 1915. On his Attestation paper he gives his birth date as 10th September 1888, and his occupation a farmer.

Next of kin is stated as Mr William Henry Major, Connaught Lodge, Westernhanger, Kent.

Canadian records report him killed in action in trenches 1¼ miles north west of Lens, France.

Brother of Roland Major (see below)

Donald was a former pupil of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone. He is commemorated on the school's war memorial.

Donald is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Donald's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Private Service No. G/22265
Date of Death: 12th April 1917 Age: 38
Regiment/Service: The Queens (Royal 6yh Btn. (attached 10th Btn.
West Surrey Regiment)
Awards: Victory and British War Medals--

Cemetery/Memorial: Bay 2
Grave Reference: Arras Memorial, Nord, France.

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Enlisted Dover.

Henry was born on 29th July 1878 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.978).

He was the son of Francis Edward & Elizabeth Alicia Major (nee Banks), In 1891 and 1901 Censuses their address was at 5 Rendezvous Street, Folkestone. He had two brothers and two sisters. Francis's occupation was a butcher.

The 1911 Census records Henry, aged 32, as a boarder at 68 Foord Road, Folkestone. occupation butcher. This was the home of a William Wright Hartley, an inventory clerk.

Henry was called up in the autumn of 1916. Soldiers Died records him killed in action. The 6th Btn. War Diary for 12th April 1917 states the Btn. was in the trenches at Monchy (near Arras), with no significant action recorded, but "Captain R.A. Coppin and 6 O.R. killed."

Henry was a former pupil of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone. He is commemorated on the school's war memorial.

Henry is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Roland MAJOR
(incorrectly given as Ronald on the Civic Memorial)

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Rank:	Private	Service No.	467525
Date of Death:	9th September 1916`	Age:	--
Regiment/Service:	Canadian Expeditionary Force (Infantry)		7th Btn.
Awards:	--		
Grave Reference:	--		
Cemetery/Memorial:	Vimy Memorial, France		

Additional Information:

Roland was born on 9th December 1888 (GRO ref. (for the March quarter) Elham 2a.1013). He was baptised on the 20th October 1889.

Roland's father William Henry Major married Alice Florence Stammers at St. Mart & St. Eanswythe Church on the 8th June 1880.

The 1901 Census records Roland Major, aged 12, at home at 25 Connaught Road, Folkestone, with his father William Henry (42) and mother Alice Florence Major (40) and elder brother Donald (15), sister Elsie (13) and 3 younger brothers Eric (11), Lewis (6) and Davis (4). Father's occupation was a master butcher; Donald was an assistant butcher.

Roland attested in Canada on 1st December 1915. He gave his next of kin as his father William Henry Major, Connaught Lodge, Westernhanger. Roland's occupation was machine agent & deputy sheriff. He was 6 feet in height.

Brother of Donald Major (see above).

Canadian records report him killed in action in trenches south west of Courcellette, Somme, France.

Roland was a former pupil of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone. He is commemorated on the school's war memorial.

Roland is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the St. Mary and St. Eanswythe Church Roll of Honour.

Roland's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Believed to be:

Frank MARSHALL

Rank:	Private	Service No.SR/822
Date of Death:	17th February 1917	Age: 32
Regiment/Service:	The Royal Sussex Regiment	“C” Coy., 7th Btn.
Awards:	1914-15 Star	Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Section C. “U.”321

Cemetery/Memorial: Folkestone Old Cemetery, Cheriton, Folkestone.

Additional Information:

The name Albert Marshall appeared on the first War shrine tablet dedicated in October 1917, and listed in the Folkestone Herald’s account of its dedication. In the CWGC casualty database, the only Albert Marshall with a connection to Folkestone (he enlisted in the town) died in April 1918, and therefore cannot be the soldier commemorated here.

The ‘Local Roll of Honour’ in the Folkestone Herald of 16th January 1915 gave a list of parish men then serving. It included an Albert Marshall serving in the Royal Sussex Regiment. However the civic war memorial records a Frank Marshall who served in the same Regiment. It seems possible that “Albert” was a family nickname for Frank

Frank Marshall died as a consequence of being gassed. Enlisted at Shorncliffe. Entitlement to the 1914-15 Star from entering France on the 31st May 1915.

Frank was the son of Stephen and Julia Margaret Marshall (nee Hambrook); at the time of Frank’s death their address was 110 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

Stephen and Julia married at Christ Church, Folkestone in December 1863 Third Banns was called on 6th December.. The GRO reference is for September 1864 (Elham 2a.1245).

Frank was born in the January –March quarter 1885 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1076).

The 1891 Census records Frank (6) at 32 Shellons Street, Folkestone. He is with his father Stephen (45) occupation painter & paper hanger, mother Julia (46) and elder brothers Herbert (22) and Stephen G. (20).

The 1901 Census also records Frank (16) occupation apprentice decorator, at 32 Shellons Street, with his father Stephen (55) and mother (56).

Frank Marshall married Emily Lilian Tilby at the Elham Register Office on the 14th May 1910 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2051). Witnesses were a J. Seymour and Lucy Meade. On his attestation Papers Frank stated his religion as Wesleyan.

Their daughter Edith Irene was born on 18th February 1911 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1101).

The 1911 Census records Frank (26) occupation painter, wife Emily Lilian (25) and daughter Edith Irene (1 month) at the house of his mother-in-law Emily Tilby (54) a widow and boarding house keeper. Address 80 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

Frank enlisted in the Royal Sussex Regiment, aged 25 years 9 months, on the 20th October 1914. He and Emily were then living at 24 Darlington Street.

A son Walter T. was born in the October – December quarter 1915 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2986)

Frank served with the B.E.F. in France from 31st May to 7th November 1915. He returned to France on 4th April 1916. He was gassed on 30 April 1916 and invalided home on 8th June 1916.

Frank was discharged from the army by a Medical Board on 30th January 1917 as "no longer fit for War Service." His obituary noted "He suffered much, and had been treated from time to time in nine different hospitals," having also suffered a duodenal ulcer and 'trench foot'.

Frank died at the [Royal] Victoria Hospital on the 13th February 1917 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1913). The cause of death was given as "valvular disease of the heart" He was buried at Cheriton on the 22nd February. The officiating minister was James Edward Harlow (Wesleyan Superintendent Minister).

Frank is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Frank (as Albert)'s name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in October 1917.

As a sad side-note: the next entry in the Cemetery Burial Register is of an unknown male child, newly born, "found at Folkestone Junction Station"; no minister attended the burial.

Rank:	Ordinary Seaman	Service No. J/24548
Date of Death:	15th July 1915`	Age: 18
Regiment/Service:	Royal Navy	HMS Albion.
Awards:	The 1914-15 Star	Victory and British War Medals
Grave Reference:	Protestant 260.	
Cemetery/Memorial:	Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery.	

Additional Information:

William was born on 9th January 1897 at Lyminge, Kent (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1059).

The 1901 Census records him aged 4 as a. Boarder at 31 Black Bull Road, Folkestone. Head of the house was Overy (51), a groceries shopkeeper, his wife Alice (58) (nee Hougham), a son Henry (24) single, a journeyman saddler, as well as one other brother & sister to Henry.

James Overy died in 1907.

The 1911 Census: records William as an “adopted brother” (14) of his Guardian: Henry Overy (34), a saddler single, address 6 Cambridge Terrace, Folkestone, who was the head of the house. Also there was Henry’s mother Alice Overy (68 widow) & sister Mabel Alice (32) single.

HMS Albion was a Canopus Class pre-dreadnought battleship, commissioned in 1901. During World War One she saw was in action against German South West Africa before serving in the Dardanelles campaign, first bombarding the Turkish forts guarding the outer entrance to the Dardanelles on 18th & 19th February 1915 and was one of the first of the allied battleships to enter the Turkish Straits on 26th February, when they attacked the inner forts. HMS Albion then supported the first allied landings on Gallipoli in February and March. She went on to support the landings at Gallipoli V Beach on 25th April 1915.

Having sustained damage she left for Malta and underwent a refit during May and June.

William died of disease rather than any act of war. The ship’s log for 15th July shows it to be at anchor at Port Mudros. Eighteen number ratings were noted as being on the sick list.

William’s Naval record shows his next of kin as Henry Overy, who by then was living at 3 Dudley Road, Folkestone.

William is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial and the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Church Roll of Honour.

William’s name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	2nd Lieutenant	Service No. --
Date of Death:	14th June 1917	Age: 19
Regiment/Service:	Royal Garrison Artillery	163rd Siege Battery
Awards:	Victory and British War Medals	

Grave Reference: Plot III, C.33.
 Cemetery/Memorial: Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension,
 West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Additional Information:

Died of wounds.

Only son of Mr. James Adie Menzies, 9 Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone and the late Isabel Menzies (nee Berry). .

William was born in Ootacamund, India, on 22nd July 1897. His father James Adie Menzies M.B., was born in Edinburgh in 1867. He was both raised and educated there, graduating as an ophthalmic surgeon in 1891. James married Elizabeth Berry in 1894; she was born in Ireland. They had one daughter Eileen Helen, who was still single at the time of James' death in 1942.

The 1901 Census records William Alan Menzies aged 3 at Egmont Road, Sutton, Surrey, with father James A (34) ophthalmic surgeon, mother Idabel (30), sister Helen (5) and three servants.

The family came to Folkestone about 1904. James first appears in the Local directory for 1905-06. The 1911 Census records father James (44), mother Isabel (37), and sister Eileen Helen (15) at 9 Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone. Married 17 years, the Census records them as having two children living and two died.

The 1911 Census shows William was a resident scholar (aged 13) at Copthorne School, Crawley, Surrey.

William's service record survives but has not yet been digitised by the National Archives. The biographer of the School war memorial states

"Later educated at Rugby School. Enlisted into the London Scottish Regiment in Oct. 1914. Commissioned in the Royal Garrison Artillery in January 1916. To France 26th December 1916. Killed in action." The London Times quotes his Battery Commander saying William was "killed instantly, extremely promising and a gallant young officer".

William was stationed at Dover with the RGA until he went abroad on Boxing Day.

William's mother Isabel Menzies (nee Berry) died in the October - December quarter 1915, age 47 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1484).

Father James remarried at the Forest Hill Christ Church with St. Paul, Lewisham. 3rd Banns were read on 5th October 1919. His bride was spinster Elsie Marie Kathleen Bailey. Her Father was a resident of the parish.

William's father James died in Folkestone on 20th March 1942 aged 75 (GRO ref. Kent 2a.2683). Probate was granted on 13 July to Helen Eileen Menzies spinster and Patrick Drought North Menzies. Sealed Llandudno.

William is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial, the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Church Roll of Honour and the Copthorne School Chapel war memorial.

William's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Private	Service No.	19169
Date of Death:	3rd August 1917`	Age:	21
Regiment/Service:	The Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)	11th Btn.	
Awards:	Victory and British War Medals		

Grave Reference: Plot XXII, N.13A
 Cemetery/Memorial: Etaples Military Cemetery, France.

Additional Information:

Died of wounds. Enlisted Chenies Street, London W.C.

Also served as Rifleman 4444 3/12th Btn. the London Regiment ('the Rangers') and Private 2420 2/1st Kent Cyclists' Battalion

Eric was the youngest son of Harriet and the late John Atwood Morford, 31 Foord Road, Folkestone. His father John married Harriet Savage on the 17th September 1882 at Christ church, Folkestone (GRO ref. West Ashford 2a.1231)

Eric was born in the July – September quarter of 1896 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1006). He was baptised at St. John the Baptist church, Folkestone on the 13th December 1896.

The 1901 Census records Eric aged 4 with his father John (41) occupation journeyman butcher, mother Harriet (41) at 110 Foord Road, Folkestone. With him were three 3 elder brothers, John Alfred (14), Percy C. B. (13) & Wallace G. (9). He had one sister Evelyn (16),

Eric was a scholar of St. Mary's Higher Grade School, being head boy for one year. He was a chorister at St. John's Church for some years.

The 1911 Census records Eric .aged 14, occupation draper's clerk, at 31 Foord Road, Folkestone, with both parents, plus brother, John Alfred (24);. His brother Wallace (19) was a hairdresser's assistant in Hammersmith.

Eric originally attested in the 3/12th (Territorial) Battalion, the London Regiment on 20th November 1915, as Rifleman 4444. He transferred to the 2/1st Kent Cyclists' Battalion on the 18th February 1916. He was further posted to the Royal West Kent Regiment as a Private on 9th February 1916.

Eric's elder brother Wallace Morford served as private 2186 in the 2/1st Kent Cyclists Battalion. It was Wallace that mooted his brother Eric's transfer to the Cyclists Btn. Eric's service record survives at the National Archives, and a letter is included, dated 22nd January 1916 from the Colonel Commanding of the Cyclists to the C/C of the London Regiment stating that Wallace had made the transfer request, with the approval of Eric. At that time Eric was stated as serving in '3 Platoon, 'A' Company 3/12 County of London Regiment'.

Eric's Casualty Form states he embarked for France on 3rd January 1917, and joined the 11th Btn. Royal West Kent Regiment on 9th February 1917. He was wounded 'in the Field' on 26th July 1917. He was transferred to No. 20 General Hospital at Dannes-Camiers (on the channel coast between Le Touquet and Etaples), where he died on the 3rd August

Eric's father died aged 60 in April 1920 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1198). His burial service took place at St. Mary & St. Eanswythe on the 26th April.

His mother Harriet died aged 62 in February 1922 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1758). Her burial service took place at St. Mary & St. Eanswythe on the 11th February.

Eric's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Private Service No. G/37419
 Date of Death: 27th May 1917 Age: 36
 Regiment/Service: The Queens (Royal 11th Btn.
 West Kent Regiment)
 Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Plot III, A.27
 Cemetery/Memorial Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension,
 West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Enlisted Dover.

Charles was born in Folkestone in the October – December quarter 1881 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.921).

He was the son of Mr Charles and Mrs Margaret Ann Munday (nee Golder), 15 Myrtle Road, Folkestone. They married in the January – March quarter 1878 (GRO ref. Dover 2a.1101).

Charles was the husband of Alice Maud Mary Munday (nee Hardy), 13 Myrtle Road, Folkestone.

The 1891 Census records Charles, aged 10, at 8 North Street, Folkestone. Head of the house was his father Charles (35), occupation fisherman, mother Margaret (35), brother William (8) and sisters Mary Ann (6), Elizabeth (4) and Eliza (11 months).

The 1901 Census records Charles Edward aged 20, single, at 4 Little Fenchurch Street, Folkestone. His occupation was given as a wine merchant's assistant. Head of the house was his father Charles Edward (45), occupation fisherman, with his mother Margaret A Munday (45). Also at home was his brother William Thomas (18), occupation carpenter's apprentice, with sisters Mary Ann (16), Emma E. (13), Eliza (11), Harriet (8) and Jane B. (2), and brother Albert Victor (6).

William Thomas Munday was also a war casualty (see below).

Charles Edward Munday married Alice Maud Mary Hardy in the October – December quarter 1905. GRO ref. Elham 2a.2456. They had two children, Reginald Charles William (born 1907) & Frank Edward (born 1909).

The 1911 Census records Charles Edward Munday aged 30 at 13 Myrtle Grove, Folkestone, with his wife and children, occupation was a wine merchant's carman.

The 1911 Census records Charles' father and mother (both aged 55) at 4 Little Fenchurch Street, Folkestone. Father's occupation is school porter at a Ladies Boarding School. Their children still at home were Harriet Ann (18) single, Albert Victor (15) and Jane Beatrice (12). The Census records they had been married 34 years and had 11 children, of which 2 had died.

Charles was a bell ringer here at St. Mary and St. Eanswythe.

The Folkestone Herald of 9th September 1917 noted that Charles had been in the employ of Mr. Birch, Guildhall Street. He had been at the Front four months, having been called up in October last.

Charles Edward attended St. Peter's Church School and is commemorated on its war memorial.

Charles Edward is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial and the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Church Roll of Honour and St. Saviours' Church war memorial and the St. Peter's School war memorial

Charles' name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Rifleman Service No. R/29361
Date of Death: 24th March 1918` Age: --
Regiment/Service: Kings Royal Rifles Corps 8th Btn.

Awards: Victory and British War Medals.

Grave Reference: Plot IV, E.1.

Cemetery/Memorial: Grand Seracourt British Cemetery, Aisne, France.

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Enlisted London.

William Thomas was born in Folkestone in the January – March quarter 1883 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1046). He was the brother of Charles Edward Munday (see above).

The 1891 Census records William Thomas, aged 8, at 8 North Street, Folkestone. Head of the house was his father Charles (35), occupation fisherman, mother Margaret (35), brother Charles (10) and sisters Mary Ann (6), Elizabeth (4) and Eliza (11 months).

The 1901 Census records William Thomas, aged 18, single, at 4 Little Fenchurch Street, Folkestone. His occupation was given as an apprentice carpenter. Head of the house was his father Charles Edward (45), occupation fisherman, with his mother Margaret A Munday (45). Also at home was his brother Charles Edward (20), occupation wine merchant's assistant, with sisters Mary Ann (16), Emma E.(13),Eliza (11), Harriet (8) and Jane B. (2), and brother Albert Victor (6).

The 1911 Census records him age 27, single, as a domestic porter at the Northern Fever Hospital, Winchmore Hill, Edmonton, London.

William Thomas Munday married Florence Emily Johnson on the 25th December 1912 at St. Peters Church, Folkestone. The witnesses were his brother Charles Edward Munday and sister Eliza Jane Munday. William's address was given as 37 North Street.

William attended St. Peter's Church School and is commemorated on its war memorial.

William is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial.

Rank:	2nd Lieutenant	Service No. --
Date of Death:	16th September 1918	Age: 28
Regiment/Service:	The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment	3rd Btn. Attd. 13th Btn., Kings Royal Rifle Corps.
Awards:	Victory and British War Medals	

Grave Reference: Plot I, G.17
 Cemetery/Memorial: Lebuquiere Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais,

Additional Information:

Killed in action.

John was the eldest of two sons of Martin Luther Nicholson & Sarah Jane Nicholson (nee Byrne). His father was born in Northampton in 1855; his mother was born in Dublin in 1851. They were married in Dublin in the July- September quarter 1889 (GRO ref. Dublin North 2.409).

John was born in Grangegorman, Dublin, Ireland on the 16th April 1890. (GRO ref. Dublin North 2.555).

John's younger brother Henry Irving was also born in Dublin in 1892.

John's father's family were long-established Folkstonians, having run a lodging house at 5 Trinity Crescent since the Census of 1881. The house was taken over by the military in 1914 and they moved to Bouverie Place and then to 24 St. John's Road.

John's own family moved during 1893, as they are first noted in the Local Trades Directory of 1894, as being lodging house keepers at 5 Priory Gardens, The 1901 Census records John E.P. Nicholson (10) with his parents Martin Luther (45) and mother Sarah Jane (50), with brother Henry (9), at 5 Priory Gardens, Folkestone. His father's occupation is given as an industrial insurance agent, his mother Sarah a lodging house keeper.

During 1909 the family moved to 45 Sandgate Road, another lodging house.

John's brother Henry had gone to sea at some point in 1900's as a 'sea apprentice'. On the 3rd January 1910 he died, aged 18, in the Hospital in Rotterdam. His body was returned to 45 Sandgate Road and he was buried in Folkestone Id Cemetery, Cheriton (Section B.2979) on the 10th January.

John Edward is not found in the 1911 Census, nor have his army service or pension records survived.

At some point after 1911 the Nicholsons moved to Liverpool. John Edward joined the Royal Marines Light Infantry there on 4th August 1915, as Private 993. Aged 25, he gave as occupation as a Kinematographer. The family address was 13 Balmoral Road, Elm Park, Liverpool.

John was single when he joined the R.M.L.I.

He served with the Victory Division of the Royal Marine Brigade from 3rd February to the 31st December 1916, first in Greece and from May, France..

He was discharged on the 31st July 1917, when he was appointed to a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion, the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

John's (Army) Medal Roll index Card states he entered France on 17th August 1918, so it seems reasonable to assume he was attached to the 13th Btn. K.R.R.C. shortly before that date. No doubt officers were needed to make up losses incurred during the German advance of March 1918 and the British advance that Autumn.

The village of Lebuquiere is 8km east of Bapaume. It was occupied by Commonwealth forces on 19 March 1917, following the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line. It was recaptured by the Germans on 23rd March 1918 and was finally reoccupied by the 5th Division on 3 September 1918. At the Armistice, the cemetery contained 150 burials.

In 1916 or 1917 John's family moved back to Ireland and lived at 4 Eden Park, Kingstown [today Dun Laoghaire], Co. Dublin". John's will also has this address upon it.

John was the husband of Lilian Esther Minnie Nicholson, They married at Dun Laoghaire in the July – September quarter 1917 (GRO ref. Rathdown [Dun Laoghaire], Ireland 2.803.

After the war John's father, mother and wife Lilian moved to North Wales. The CWGC database (c.1921) records their address as "Plas-Tara", 3 Nant-y-Gamar Road, Llandudno.

John's father, Martin Luther, died after a short illness at Llandudno, aged 71, on 18th July 1926. His body was brought back to his siblings' house, be buried in Folkestone Old Cemetery, Cheriton (Section B.6138) on 22nd July, after a funeral service in St. Mary and St. Eanswythe.

John's aunts Adela and Florence Nightingale and uncle Edward Melancthon Nicholson continued to live at 24 St. John's Road until their own deaths (Adela died aged 70 on 19th September 1931; Edward died on 7th September 1936).

John was a former pupil of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone. He is commemorated on the school's war memorial.

John is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial.

Rank:	Serjeant	Service No.	213949
Date of Death:	3rd December 1918`	Age:	21
Regiment/Service:	Royal Air Force		155th Sqdn.

Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: A.441

Cemetery/Memorial: Folkestone Old Cemetery, Cheriton.

Additional Information:

Charles was born on 6th October 1897. He was baptised on 6th January 1898 at Christ Church, Folkestone (GRO ref. (for March 1898) Elham 2a.1025).

He was the only son of George Crispin Noyes and Elizabeth Noyes, 8 Claremont Road, Folkestone.

George Crispin Noyes married Elizabeth Hackman in the July – September quarter 1884 (GRO ref. Beaminster (Dorset) 5a.611). George was born in Dorchester, Elizabeth was born in Evershot, Dorset.

The 1891 Census records father George Crispin Noyes (29) & Elizabeth Noyes (30) at 9 Coolinge Road, Folkestone. George's occupation was a solicitor's clerk.

The 1901 and 1911 Censuses record Charles, aged 3 and 13 respectively, with his father and mother at 8 Claremont Gardens, Folkestone. His father's occupation was a law clerk. On enlistment Charles occupation was given as a clerk.

Charles service details above are taken from the CWGC database. Charles first enlisted on 10th May 1916 in the Royal Naval Air Service, with the rank of Aircraftsman 2, no. F.13949. His war medals are listed in the Royal Navy List of WW1 Awards, and both his Navy and RAF service records survive at the National Archives. From July 1917 to February 1918 he served at the RNAS aerodrome HMS Daedalus, at Lee-on-Solent. He was promoted Aircraftsman 1 on 15th December 1916 and Observer 1 on 18th September 1917.

When the Royal Air Force was formed on 1st April 1918 Charles was transferred into it. The RAF Muster Roll, of that date, incorrectly states his enlistment in the RNAS was on 15th December 1916; this was actually the date he was promoted to Aircraftsman Class 1. On joining the RAF he became Private-1, no. 213949, trade aerial gun layer, pay 1sh. 8d. He was promoted Serjeant on 16th July 1918.

The RAF No. 155 Squadron was formed at Chingford on 14th September 1918 as a bomber unit flying De Havilland 9A's, after an earlier attempt to form at Feltham was abandoned. The war ended a few weeks later and it never became operational. Charles' death on Tuesday the 3rd came only four days before the Squadron disbanded on 7th December 1918.

His death certificate was issued at Edmonton, Middlesex (GRO ref. 3a.1407).

The Folkestone Herald of Saturday December 7th 1918 reported the details of his death:

“An aeroplane fatality involving the loss of two lives occurred at High Beech, Essex, on Tuesday, one of the victims being Sergt. Observer Charles Henry Crispin Noyes, R.A.F., the only son of Mr and Mrs G.C. Noyes of 8 Claremont Road, Folkestone. The pilot was Second Lieutenant Tom Richardson (of York). The machine ascended from an aerodrome at Chingford on a practice formation flight. When at a height of about 800ft. something went wrong with the engine, it is believed, and according to

an eye witness it dripped 'like a stone' into a field. Both pilot and observer were killed instantaneously.

"Sergt. Observer Noyes, who was the only child of Mr and Mrs Noyes, after being educated at the Harvey Grammar School, was articled to Messrs Temple Barton and Co., but as soon as he was eighteen, before conscription came into force, he joined the R.N.A.S. He had spent several months in France taking part in many bombing expeditions, by night as well as by day, over the enemy areas. In the summer he came over to England to qualify as an observer, and at the time the armistice was signed was about to return to the front with a fighting squadron. Frank and engaging in disposition, he had many friends, who will deeply regret his death. He was 21 years of age. Sincere sympathy will be extended to his parents.

"The funeral will take place at Folkestone Cemetery today (Saturday) at two o'clock."

The body of the pilot Tom Richardson was also returned to his parents, as he is buried at York.

The site of the airfield now lies beneath the Lea Valley Reservoir.

Charles's father George died, aged 63, in the January - March quarter 1925 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1547). His mother Elizabeth lived on through the Second World War. She died, aged 91, in the January - March quarter 1952 (GRO ref. Folkestone 5b.688). The Local Directories show she lived at the same address at 8 Claremont Road throughout the rest of her life in the town.

Charles was a former pupil of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone. He is commemorated on the school's war memorial.

Charles is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial and the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Church Roll of Honour.

Rank:	Corporal	Service No.	9721
Date of Death:	12th July 1920	Age:	36
Regiment/Service:	The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)	6th Btn.	
Awards:	Victory and British War Medals		

Grave Reference: C. "C". 5276B
 Cemetery/Memorial: Folkestone Old Cemetery, Cheriton.

Additional Information:

Died of wounds. Enlisted Folkestone.

Also served as Private and Corporal 570814, 52nd Prisoner of War Company
 Labour Corps.

William was the son of Charles and Sarah Elizabeth Page, 162 Gt. Tichfield Street,
 Marylebone, London.

William was born in London in the October – December quarter 1883 (GRO ref.
 Marylebone 1a.550).

The 1891 Census records William Henry, age 6 at 108 Whitfield Street, St. Pancras,
 London. He was with his father Charles (51), a silver stamper, his mother Sarah
 Elizabeth (48); he was the youngest of two elder brothers and two elder sisters
 The 1901 Census records William Henry, age 16, at 38 Howland St. St. Pancras,
 with mother Sarah Elizabeth (48), a dressmaker. William's occupation is given as
 an apprentice jeweller.

William married Isabel Charlotte Lee on the 13th January 1911 in London (GRO ref.
 St. Pancras 1b.157).

William is not found in the 1911 Census, taken on the night of 2nd April.

William and Isabel had three children, the first two being born in the Marylebone
 registration district. Their first child Jessica Phyllis was born on 20th September
 1912, their second Stanley Howard was born on 11th August 1914.

The family then moved to 14 New Street, Folkestone, where their third child Bessie
 Amelia was born on 5th October 1915 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2959). William
 worked as a hotel valet and porter at the Grand Hotel on The Leas.

William enlisted on 11th December 1915 in 6th Btn. The Buffs. He embarked for
 France on 24th June 1916.

On the 9th April 1917, the opening day of the Arras battles, William sustained
 gunshot wounds to the head, arms and leg and was taken to the No. 3 G.S. hospital
 at Le Treport. In May he was transferred to the Labour Corps.

William was discharged from the Army on 11th April 1919 and granted a 10%
 pension of 6sh a week, plus another 3sh 2d. for the three children.

He died at 14 New Street on 12th July 1920. After a burial service on the 16th at
 St. Mary & Eanswythe he was buried in Cheriton Cemetery

Isabel lived on Folkestone until her death at 73 in October 1933 (GRO ref. Elham
 2a.1543). Her mother died in the previous quarter.

William is not listed on the Folkestone civic war memorial. Nevertheless, his grave
 in Cheriton Cemetery is marked by a standard CWGC headstone.

Rank:	Private	Service No.	1018436
Date of Death:	1st October 1918	Age:	28
Regiment/Service:	Canadian Expeditionary Force (Infantry)		28th Btn.
Awards:	--		

Grave Reference: Plot III, A.12
 Cemetery/Memorial: Haynecourt British Cemetery, Nord, France.

Additional Information:

Killed in action.

Alfred's father James Taylor Pankhurst was born in 1856 in Ewell, Dover. His first wife was Harriet Chittenden, whom he married on 19th July 1868 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1283). They had a son Harry who was born in 1869 and Ada, born in 1873. Harriet died aged 57 in the October - December quarter 1885 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.582).

Alfred's parents were James Taylor Pankhurst & his second wife Harriet Susannah Farrow. They married on the 18th July 1887 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1547).

Alfred was born on 13th November 1887 at 3 Church Street, Folkestone, his mother's family home (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1026). His sister Gertrude was born on 20th October 1888.

The 1891 Census records Alfred, aged 3, at The British Lion, 10 The Bayle, Folkestone. Despite being 'head of the house', the occupation of his father James (45) is stated a fly proprietor (an employer). Also at the address were Alfred's mother Harriet (34), [step] brother Harry (22) a coachbuilder, [step] sister Ada (18) and sister Gertrude (2).

The 1901 Census records Alfred (13) at 10 The Bayle, Folkestone. He is with his father James (55) occupation job master & licensed victualler, mother Harriet (44) and [step] brother Harry (31)

Alfred's mother Harriet died aged 50 in the April - June quarter 1807 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.649).

The 1911 Census records Alfred (22) single as a boarder, occupation meat salesman, at 22 Doddington Grove, Kennington, London SE.

The 1911 Census also records Alfred's father James (65) at The British Lion, occupation licensed victualler and job master. With him are his eldest son Harry (42) single and daughter Gertrude Sarah (22), both single and working in the public house.

Alfred's father James died aged 67 on the 21st November 1912 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1236). Probate was granted to his eldest son by his first marriage, Harry, who was assistant licensee at The British Lion; Effects £284 19sh. 6d.

Alfred departed Liverpool for Quebec, arriving on. 28th September 1913 on the vessel Canada, He gave his ultimate destination as Toronto, his occupation farmer, single, aged 25.

Alfred attested on the 10th June 1916 and gave his age as 28 yrs, 7 months. He was a resident of Beadle, Saskatchewan, Canada, single, occupation given as bank clerk. On his attestation Alfred also states he had previously served four and a half years with the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles.

Alfred gave his brother Harry as next of kin, address The Bayle, Folkestone. The Canada records of casualties states:

"While advancing with his Company in an attack from North of Saily to North of Tilloy, about 7.00a.m/ October 1st 1918, he was hit in the stomach by shrapnel. His wound was immediately dressed but he died before he could be evacuated."
Alfred is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Rank:	Captain	Service No. --
Date of Death:	8th March 1916	Age: 34
Regiment/Service:	Gurkha Rifles	2/9th Btn, attached 1/9th.
Awards:	1915 Star	Victory and British War Medals
Grave Reference:	Panel 51	
Cemetery/Memorial:	Basra Memorial, Iraq.	

Additional Information:

Died in Mesopotamia.

Only son of the Rev. Henry Parsons. Henry retired to Folkestone from Shropshire and first appears in the Local Directories in 1906 at 9 Connaught Road, Folkestone. He was listed as an honorary assistant priest at Folkestone Parish church.

Alfred Henry was the husband of Gladys Parsons. The CWGC casualty database (c.1921) records her address at "Sheridan", Denmark Road, Guildford.

Alfred Henry was born in the April – June quarter 1882 (GRO ref. Bridgenorth 6a. 627). He was baptised there on 3rd May 1882 at the church of St. Mary Magdalene. The 1891 Census, records Alfred Henry, aged 8, at The Rectory (16) East Castle Street, Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Bridgenorth, Shropshire. With him were his father Henry (53), a clerk in holy orders, mother Alice Grace (47), with sisters Beatrice (21) & Ethel (19).

Alfred Henry was educated at St. Michael's School, Shrewsbury College and Keble College, Oxford.

The 1901 Census records Alfred Henry, aged 18, as a visitor, single at Baschurch, Shropshire. His 'occupation' is given as Undergraduate at Oxford University.

Head of the house was Thomas John Rider (52), clergyman.

The 1911 Census records Alfred's future wife Gladys (24) single, with her widowed mother Mary Helen Smoult Maddison (69) & sister Elvira Mary (25) at 19 Victoria Road, Bridgenorth.

Alfred Henry married Gladys Mabel. Maddison in the July - September quarter 1911 (GRO ref. Bridgenorth (Shropshire) 6a.1275), Gladys was born in the July – September quarter 1887 (GRO ref. Bridgenorth 6a.598).

Alfred himself is not found in the 1911 Census. His obituary in the Folkestone Herald of 25th March 1916 summarised his army career:

"In 1903 he obtained a University commission in the Royal Irish Rifles, then in India, in 1903, and was transferred to the Rajputs in 1904, being appointed Lieutenant in the 2nd/9th Gurkha Rifles in 1905. He was gazetted Captain in the 2/9th Gurkha Rifles in June 1 of 912, and remained with his depot at Dehradun till August 1915, when he joined his regiment in France, being present at actions at Festubert and Givenchy Wood.

"Later he proceeded with his regiment to Mesopotamia, where he was wounded on January 19th, but recovered and returned to the front. . . . He was killed on 8th March in an advance made by the Relief Force towards Kut."

Probate on Alfred's will was granted to Gladys Mabel Parsons, widow, at 9 Connaught Road, Folkestone. Effects £236 13sh. 4d.

Alfred and Gladys had one daughter, Joyce M.A. Parsons. She was born in the April - June quarter 1915 (GRO ref. Hailsham (E. Sussex) 2b.153).

Joyce married John I. Crawford Stuart in the July - September quarter 1944 (GRO ref. Surrey S.W. 2a.1099).

An archive of Family papers in the Liddle Collection at Leeds University Library not only holds letters from Alfred's fellow officers describing and regretting Alfred's death, They also show Gladys suffered another war loss. Gladys's brother Lieutenant George Lionel Temple Maddison , Royal field Artillery, was killed in action at Zillebeke on the 17th July 1917. His name is engraved on Panel 5 & 19, Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.).

George was born in the October - December quarter 1888 (GRO ref. Bridgenorth 6a.570). Probate of his will was granted on 9th Oct. 1917 to his widow Mary Helen Smoult Maddison, effects £1,663 2sh 2d. The 1911 Census shows he was single, a partner in a farm, The White House, Aston Munslow, Craven Arms, Shropshire. Alfred Henry is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial, the St. Mary and St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour, and the original War Shrine tablet of 1917.

Rank:	Lieutenant	Service No. --
Date of Death:	28th January 1916	Age: 28
Regiment/Service:	Kings Own Scottish Borderers	7th Btn.
Awards:	1915 Star	Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Plot I, K.23
 Cemetery/Memorial: Noeux-les-Mines Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Additional Information:

Died of wounds.

Entitlement to the 1915 Star from entering France. The Medal Roll index Cards gives no date.

Jeffery was the only son of Sir Stephen and Lady Margaret Elizabeth Penfold (nee Hall). They married at Mayfield, E. Sussex on the 10th June 1874 (GRO ref. Uckfield 2b.194). Sir Stephen was Mayor of Folkestone 1913 – 1919. As a J.P. he also presided at the town's Military tribunals.

Jeffery was born in Folkestone on 9th May 1887.

The 1901 Census records Jeffery aged 14 as a pupil at Uppingham School, Rutland. The 1911 Census records Jeffrey at home aged 24 at 70 Cheriton Road, Folkestone (single), with his father Stephen (68) occupation wine merchant, mother Margaret Elizabeth (64), sister Susannah John (35).

Jeffery's service record has not survived but De Ruvigny gives a resume. His chosen career was the army but he was at first rejected, having failed his medical examination on the grounds of poor eyesight and delicacy. He attested as a Private in the Public School and University Corps in September 1914; was 'gazetted' as a Second Lieutenant in the KOSB on 26th December 1914, and made a full Lieutenant in September 1915.

De Ruvigny goes on:

"served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from September 1915, took part in the Battle of Loos, and died at No. 37 Casualty Clearing Station, Noeux-les-Mines, 28 Jan 1916 from wounds received in action at the Hohenzollern redoubt the previous day, while bandaging one of his men who had been wounded.

"His Commanding officer wrote: 'He was universally beloved, both officers and men loved him, and he had made his mark on the battalion, and indeed outside, and his loss will be irreparable to me'.

"A brother officer [wrote]: 'Dear old Jerry, we all loved him so much. with his quaint mannerisms which were part of his loving self; he was, above all, a very fine officer when on duty in the trenches; never a minute late when his turn came for duty, often taking other people's watches.'

Sir Stephen died in 1925. Probate was granted to his sister Mary Jeffery Penfold and George Spurgen. Effects £2,5042 16sh. 8d.

Jeffery is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial and the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Church Roll of Honour.

Jeffrey's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Private Service No. G/89433
Date of Death: 27th May 1918 Age: 19
Regiment/Service: Middlesex Regiment 2nd Btn.

Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: --

Cemetery/Memorial: Soissons Memorial, Aisne, France.

Additional Information:

First reported missing. Killed in action.

Sidney was the second son of Sidney and Emma Pittock, 40 Denmark Street, Folkestone.

Sidney was born in the April – June quarter 1889 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1004). He was baptised on 15th May 1901.

The 1901 Census records Sidney age, 2, at 40 Denmark Street, Folkestone, with his father Sidney (30), a journeyman butcher, mother Emma (30). He was the middle son, with brothers Henry W. (3) & John (3mo).

The 1911 Census at records Sidney aged 12 at 40 Denmark St. His father Sidney (40) was now a 'shunter with horse' for the SE&C Railway at the Harbour. Sidney was now the second of five sons.

Sidney enlisted at Dover on 24 April 1917 (aged 18yrs, 15 days) into the Buffs, 30th Training Reserve Bn. He transferred to the Middlesex Regiment (Gillingham Depot) on 14th December 1917. On his attestation form he gave his occupation as a water carrier.

News of a death was not always quickly conveyed to a soldier's family. As late as 21st September 1918 the Folkestone Herald was reporting that Private Pittock "has been missing since May 27th."

Sidney's brother Henry William had joined the Royal Navy in November 1915. He was serving as a stoker on HMS 'Inflexible' during the Battle of Jutland, 31st May 1916.

Sidney is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial.

Rank: Private Service No. G/13692
Date of Death: 3rd May 1917 Age: --
Regiment/Service: The Buff (East Kent 6th Btn.
Regiment)
Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Bay 2
Cemetery/Memorial: Arras Memorial, France

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Enlisted Folkestone.

Herbert was born in the January – March quarter 1897 (GRO Ref. Elham 2a.1054). Bert was the son of Mr Herbert Summer & Mrs Ellen Poole, 65 Marshall Street, Folkestone. He was the eldest of four sons and one daughter.

Herbert's father was born in 1876, his mother was born 1875. They married in the October - December quarter 1896 (GRO ref. East Ashford 2a.1537).

The 1901 Census records Herbert aged 4 at 2 Copperen Cottages, Folkestone (off the Old High Street). His Grandparents Henry & Eliza were living at No. 1.

The 1911 Census records Herbert aged 14, as a butcher's errand boy, at 65A Marshall Street, Folkestone, with his father Herbert Summer Parsons (34) a painter, mother Ellen Poole(36) (nee Sawkins). Herbert was the eldest of four sons & one daughter.

In May 1917 the 6th Btn (with the 7th) were involved in the Battle of Arras, around Monchy.

Herbert is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial.

Herbert's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Corporal	Service No.	L/16720
Date of Death:	7th July 1916	Age:	25
Regiment/Service:	Royal Fusiliers		9th Btn.

Awards: 1915 Star Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Pier and Face 8C, 9A & 16A.
Cemetery/Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Additional Information:

Entitlement to the 1915 Star from entering France on the 8th December 1915.

Killed in action. Enlisted Dover.

Richard was the son of the late Richard John and Mary Ann Prescott, 1 Tower Hill, Tower Hamlets, Dover. Richard was born in the October – December quarter 1891 (GRO ref. Dover 2a.9417).

The 1901 Census records him at, aged 9, at 29 Tower Hill, Dover, with father Richard (33), occupation police constable, and mother Mary A. (34). He was the eldest of two sisters and one brother John.

The 1911 Census records Richard, aged 19, as a French polisher at 1 Tower Hill, Tower Hamlets, Dover, with his mother Mary A Prescott (44), a widow with three other children.

Richard's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Private Service No. 5298
 Date of Death: 1st July 1916 Age: 20
 Regiment/Service: The London Regiment 1st/14th Btn.
 (London Scottish)
 Awards: Victory and British War medals

Grave Reference: Pier and Face 9C & 13C.
 Cemetery/Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Enlisted London.

Ernest Cecil Stephen was the son of William Henry & Susannah Prior, 3 May Terrace, Sandgate, Folkestone. Youngest of three sons and one daughter. His father's occupation was chemist's porter.

The 1901 Census records Ernest, aged 5, at 8 James Norris Dwellings, Sandgate, with father William Henry (44), occupation chemist's porter. Also living there were his mother Susannah (43) & brothers Albert R. (17), Edmund T[utt] (12) & sister Eva W (15).

The 1911 Census records Ernest at 5 May Terrace, aged 15, of no occupation. With him were his father, mother & brother Edmund Tutt.

The 1st July 1916 was the opening day of the Battle of the Somme. The Battalion war diary reports that the Battalion were in action on the assault on German trenches east of Hebuterne and 250 yards north of the sunken road from Hebuterne to Puiseux. Although the Battalion succeeded generally in gaining the enemy trenches, fierce German counter-attacks by bombing parties eventually meant their withdrawal to the original British front line.

The diary records "there went into action 23 Officers and 811 other Ranks. . . . There remained the next morning 9 Officers and 236 Other Ranks and 21 Medical Staff and Stretcher Bearers".

'D' Company of the 1st/14th were commanded by Lieutenant Cecil John Brown Constable. He also lost his life on 1st July – by 10.15 a.m. 'D' Company "had lost all Officers and N.C.O's and ceased to exist as a separate unit". He is buried in Gommecourt British Cemetery No.2, Hebuterne (in Plot II. G.26). He is commemorated on the St. Mary and St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour.

Ernest was a former pupil of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone. He is commemorated on the school's war memorial.

Ernest Cecil's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Private Service No. G/41469
 Date of Death: 22nd June 1917 Age: 28
 Regiment/Service: Middlesex Regiment 13th Btn.

Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Panel 49 & 51
 Cemetery/Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Enlisted Canterbury.

Also served as Private 4146., The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

William was born at Old Ford, Middlesex. The GRO Births Index records two William Priors born in 888. GRO references are. March: Poplar 1c.629, and December: Poplar 1c.642.

Son of John & Emma Prior, 1 Smeed Road, Old Ford, London The 1911 census records them at this address. In 1911 they had been married thirty eight years and had a total of eleven children, nine of whom were living on census night. Both born and raised in Norwich, they were married in the April – June quarter 1873 (GRO ref. Norwich 4b.284).

The 1891 Census records William, aged 3, at 37 Ruston St., Bow, London. He was with his father John Prior (38), a machinist printer and mother Emma (39). William was the youngest of four sisters and four brothers.

The 1901 Census records William, aged 13, at 3 Lamprell Street, Parish of St Mary Stratford, Bow. Also at home were his father (48), with three sisters and two brothers.

The 1901 Census records William's future wife Florence, aged 11, with her mother Louisa (44) and brother John (15) at 76 Dover Street, Folkestone, living in two rooms. She was born in Dover in the July – September quarter 1890 (GRO ref. Dover 2a.994).

The 1911 Census does not have a record for William. However, it records Florence Turner, aged 21, as a kitchen maid, single, at 41 Augusta Gardens, Folkestone. Head of the household was a Philip Harold Wade (50), of private means, together with his wife Pauline & daughter.

William Prior married Florence Annie Turner in the October - December quarter 1911 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2580). The CWGC casualty database gives Florence's address (c.1921) as 7 Kent Road, Foorde R.D., Folkestone.

William is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial and the St. Mary and St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour.

William's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Lance Corporal Service No. 593441
Date of Death: 22nd August 1917 Age: 27
Regiment/Service: The London Regiment 1st/18th (County of London) Btn.

Awards: Victory and British War Medal

Grave Reference: Panel 54
Cemetery/Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Also served as Rifleman 6277 in the London Irish Rifles. Arthur was born in Folkestone in the January – March quarter 1890 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1044) He was not baptised until 3rd February 1903 at St. Michael's Church, Folkestone, together with his brother Frederick and two oldest sisters, Elsie Gower and Gladys Eva Puttee. His younger sister Doris was there baptised on 7th February 1905.

He was the son of William Frederick Puttee and Matilda Jane Puttee (nee Born, or Boorn). They married on 12 July 1888 at Folkestone, (RO ref. Elham 2a.1502) The CWGC casualty database states Arthur was the husband of Gertrude Agnes Higgins (formerly Puttee). The CWGC gives her address (c.1921) as 1 Wood Avenue, Folkestone.

The 1891 Census records Arthur, aged 6 months, at 61 Tontine St, Folkestone, with father William Frederick (29), mother Matilda Jane (26), brother Frederick Kennett (12). His father's occupation was as newsagent shopkeeper.

The 1901 Census records Arthur, aged 10 at 61 Tontine Street Folkestone, with father William Frederick (39), mother Matilda Jane (36), brother Frederick Kennett (11), plus sisters Elsie Gower (9), Gladys Eva (9) and Winifred May (1). His father's occupation was as newsagent shopkeeper. Arthur was a pupil at St. Mary's Higher Grade School, Folkestone.

Arthur's brother Frederick Kennett Puttee emigrated to Canada. He departed Liverpool for Quebec on 16th April 1908, on the Dominion Line ship 'Dominion'. The passenger manifest gives his occupation as a labourer.

The 1911 Census records Arthur, aged 21, at 58 Broadmead Road, Folkestone. He is recorded there with his father William Frederick (49), mother Matilda Jane (46), and sisters Elsie Gower (19), Gladys Eva (18) Eva Marjory (12) and Doris Ethel (6). His father's occupation was as an insurance agent. Arthur worked as a compositor at the Folkestone Herald's works on The Bayle.

Arthur married Gertrude Agnes Mercer in the October – December quarter 1911 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2503).

Arthur and Gertrude had one daughter, Irene G. Puttee, who was born in the October – December quarter 1912 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2067).

Arthur and Gertrude also had one son, Norman A.F. Puttee, who was born in the January – March quarter 1916 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2003).

Arthur's death was reported, with a photograph, in The Folkestone Herald of Saturday September 1st 1917. Gertrude was stated to be living at 18 Queen Street, Folkestone. Her widowed mother's home was opposite at no. 19. His obituary records the following letter sent to his widow by Arthur's Platoon Commander:

"I feel that sympathy in your great hour of sorrow can be of little comfort to you, but being Lance-Corporal Puttee's Platoon Commander for some considerable time, and

knowing him so well, I consider it is my duty to let you know how he died. He was hit by a piece of shell and death was instantaneous. He was a most efficient soldier, cheerful in most adverse circumstances, brave, gallant, and faithful in the execution of his duty, and beloved of all his comrades”.

Arthur had been at the Front for one year.

Arthur's wife Gertrude married again, to James A. Higgins in September 1922 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.2907).

Arthur and Gertrude's daughter Irene G. Puttee married Thomas A.S. Snelling in the October – December quarter 1937 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.3239).

Arthur's father died on the 17th March 1938, aged 76, at 68 St. Mary's Road, Tonbridge (GRO ref. Tonbridge 2a.1385). Administration of his affairs was given to his widow Matilda Jane and brother Frederick Kennet Puttee, a telephone engineer. Effects £2,002 8sh 5d. His mother died aged 73 in March 1938.

Arthur is also commemorated on the Folkestone Civic War Memorial, the St. Mary and St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour and recorded in the Irish Memorial Roll of Honour.

Arthur's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	3rd Mate	Service No.	--
Date of Death:	17th February 1915	Age:	22
Regiment/Service:	Mercantile Marine	3rd Mate	
	S.S. 'Panama Transport'		
Awards:	--		
Grave Reference:	--		
Cemetery/Memorial:	--		

Additional Information:

There is no obvious William Richardson recorded on the CWGC casualty database. However, as an addendum to the Folkestone civic war memorial there is a W.H. Richardson "3rd Off." who is certain to be the casualty commemorated here. He may not be recorded by the CWGC as his death by drowning was accidental rather than as a result of enemy action, a distinction doubtless lost on his parents. His name is one of the 39 recorded on the original War Shrine plate dedicated in 1917.

William Henry Richardson was the son of Captain William Richardson and Mary Farley. He died by drowning off Plymouth.

William's father, also William, was born in the April - June quarter 1861 (GRO ref. E. Ashford 2a.552). His mother Mary Farley was born in the July - September quarter 1872 (GRO ref. Cranbrook, Kent 2a.641).

William Henry came from an engineering family. His grandfather, Henry Richardson, was an engine fitter with the South East Railway. He was born at Basford, Derbyshire. In the 1871 Census the family were living at 16 Copenhagen Terrace, Folkestone. Grandfather Henry was aged 38, his grandmother Martha 32. Also at the address were his father William (senior) then aged 9 with 3 other brothers and 3 sisters.

The Richardson family are not found in the 1881 Census.

William's mother Mary Farley was the third daughter of Thomas and Mary Farley (nee Smith), born in the July - September quarter 1872 in Frittenden, Kent. The 1881 Census records Mary (8) at Camden Wood, Frittenden. She is with her father Thomas (40) occupation agricultural labourer, mother Mary (30) together with sisters Amelia (12), Ada (10), Letitia (6), Rhoda (2) and Alice (5 months), plus brother James (5)

William Henry's father William Richardson senior (28) married Mary Farley (19) on 4th January 1890 at St. Michael's Church, Folkestone. William gave his occupation as a mariner. His address was 40 Denmark Street, Mary's 41 Canterbury Road, Folkestone. William's youngest sister Emma was a bridesmaid.

The 1891 Census records William (29) and Mary (20) (nee Farley) at 54 St. John's Street, Folkestone. His occupation is again given as a mariner.

William Henry was born in the January - March quarter 1893 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1044).

His sister Mabel Maud was born in the October - December quarter 1894 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.990).

The 1911 Census records William Henry, aged 18, at 1 East Cliff Villas [or Gardens], Folkestone, occupation apprentice [in the] mercantile marine. He is recorded with his father William (49) master mariner, mother Mary (38) and sister Mabel Maud (16).

William's father has the unusual distinction of being recorded twice in the 1911 Census. The house Census had been compiled by his wife Mary. In fact, in 1911 his father was Captain William Richardson, master of the SECR ship S.S. 'Deal' (234 tons), which was in Boulogne harbour on the census night, Sunday 2nd April. He recorded himself on board with his crew of thirteen.

William Henry received his Certificate of Competence as '2nd Mate of a foreign-going ship' on 3rd April 1914.

The Folkestone Herald of 27th February 1915 reported William's death:

"SEA CAPTAIN'S BEREAVEMENT

"We regret to record the death by drowning of Mr. William Richardson, son of Captain W. Richardson, captain on the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company's cargo ship 'Deal'.

"Deceased, who was a second mate [*sic*], was out in a small boat with four others off Plymouth. In a heavy sea the craft capsized and Captain Richardson's son and two others were drowned. The boat in which they were in has been washed ashore, but the bodies have not yet been recovered.

"Captain Richardson was for many years captain on the cargo boat Hythe, and much sympathy will be felt for him in his sad bereavement. His son had made progress in his profession, and was seemingly at the outset of a successful career. He was barely 22 years of age."

The Herald of 6th March 1915 further reported:

"IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES.-

"The fatality to Mr William Richardson, the only son of Capt. W. Richardson, occurred while he was in the discharge of his duties. As the third mate on a transport he was sent in a small boat to a tug boat with two seamen to try and get a line on the latter, as the transport was drifting, having lost her propeller. It was whilst he was engaged on his task that the small boat capsized, and Mr. Richardson and two others were drowned."

William was drowned in Whitsand Bay, immediately west of Plymouth Sound and open to any westerly seas running up the English Channel.

The S.S. 'Panama Transport' was a cargo ship of 4,644 tons, 385 feet long by 52 feet beam. She was built by Irvine's Ship Building & Dry Decks Co. Ltd., at West Hartlepool. Launched on 24th April 1914 she was completed by the end of June. She remained in service until July 1933 when she was broken up.

W.H. Richardson is also commemorated as an Addendum to the central panel of the Folkestone civic war memorial and the St. Mary and St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour. William's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Captain Service No. --
 Date of Death: 15th September 1916 Age: 33
 Regiment/Service: Kings Royal Rifle Corps 1st Btn., attached 7th Btn.

Awards: 1915 Star. Victory and British War Medals.

Grave Reference: Pier and Face 13A & 13B
 Cemetery/Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Additional Information:

Entitled to the 1915 Star from entering France on 26th July 1915. Killed in action. Frederick was born on 2nd July 1883 (GRO ref. Chelsea 1a.365). He was the only son of Oscar John De Satge, born in 1835; and Beatrice Elizabeth De Satge (nee Fletcher), born in 1858.

Frederick's father Oscar was born in Lucerne, Switzerland, on 20th November 1836, of British parents. Educated at Rugby School, in 1853 he and his brother Ernest emigrated to Australia. They arrived on the vessel 'Essex' at Melbourne in May. Oscar first found work as a clerk in the Goldsmiths Commission, but decided in December 1854 to join his brother on the Darling Downs and drove cattle and sheep.

Oscar served in the Queensland Legislative Assembly between 1869 and 1882, variously representing Clermont, Normanby and Mitchell Districts.

He retired to England in 1882. Oscar John de Satge married Beatrice Elizabeth Fletcher on 3rd August 1882 at Midhurst, Sussex (GRO ref. Westhampnett 2b.609). They then moved to 43 Sloan Street, Chelsea, where Frederick and sister Beatrice were born and baptised. By 1885 the family had moved to Send, Surrey, where youngest sister Laura Emily was baptised on 10th May 1886.

Oscar returned to Australia in 1883, 1888 and 1893 to inspect his properties. The 1891 Census first records our casualty Frederick, aged 7, at Bridge Place House, Bridge, Kent. His father Oscar (54) gives his occupation as a retired Australian "Squatter" sheep farmer. Also at the house were his mother Beatrice Elizabeth (34), sisters Elizabeth and Laura, and seven servants.

Frederick himself first joined the Royal Navy on 15th January 1898. His naval service record survives in the National Archives (series ADM 196/48/122 and ADM 196/143/201). He was first enrolled as a naval cadet, being promoted to midshipman while serving on HMS Endymion on 18th October 1899. He became an acting Sub-Lieutenant on 20th January 1903. However, he was discharged on the 10th November 1903, having twice failed to pass in Navigation.

He served on HMS Endymion from 8th June 1899 until 22nd June 1901. The ship took part in suppressing the 1900 Boxer Rebellion and Gordon was awarded the 3rd China Medal.

The 1901 Census records Frederick's family at 'Elysee', 24 Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone – that is, father Oscar (66), mother Beatrice (43), two sisters and five servants. Frederick is not recorded.

In 1901 Oscar published 'Pages from the Journal of a Queensland Squatter', described by the Australian Dictionary of Biography as "valuable and racy reminiscences".

Oscar de Satge died aged 69 at 'Elysee', Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone on 26th September 1906 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.698).

Frederick enlisted in the army and was gazetted Lieutenant in the 6th Btn. KRRC. on 29th June 1915.

The 15th September was first day of the Battle of Flers-Courcellette, a sub-battle of the great Somme offensive of 1916. The 7th Btn. KRRC, amongst other units, was providing infantry support for the first use of tanks in the Great War. Casualties were mostly from heavy enfilade machine gun fire.

Frederick was first reported as “wounded and missing”. His body was never found and he is thus commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of The Somme.

Gordon’s service record survives, but has not yet (c.2015) been digitised by the National Archives. TNA ref. WO229/42709.

Probate of his will was granted to his mother Beatrice Elizabeth de Satge (widow), effects £123 0sh. 3d.

Frederick’s mother Beatrice de Satge died on 31st May 1922. Probate was granted to her daughters Elizabeth Caroline de Satge, spinster, and Laura Emily Dinwiddy (wife of Malcolm James Dinwiddy). Effects £1,276 18sh. 4d.

Frederick’s sister, Beatrice Elizabeth Caroline de Satge, never married. She died in Folkestone on 28th November 1964.

Frederick is also commemorated on the St. Mary and St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour.

Frederick’s name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Private	Service No.	2249
Date of Death:	11th July 1916	Age:	22
Regiment/Service:	The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)	2nd Btn.	
Awards:	1915 Star	Victory and British War Medals	

Grave Reference: Plot A. 25.33
 Cemetery/Memorial: St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France.

Additional Information:

Entitlement to the 1915 star from entering France on 28th July 1915.

Died of wounds in the thigh and buttock. Enlisted at Dover.

William was the son of Mary Ann Simpson 25 St. Michael Street, Folkestone, and the late William Ernest Simpson.

William Ernest (junior) was born in the April - July quarter 1894 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.975). He was baptised in Christ Church, Folkestone on 12th August 1894.

William's father died in the early part of 1897.

The 1901 Census records William Ernest (junior) aged 6 at 75 Guildhall Street, Folkestone. Head of the household was William's maternal grandfather Henry Down (69), a general labourer with his grandmother Jane I. Down (66). William's mother Mary Ann Simpson (34) and daughter of Henry Down (listed as a widow). Also there was his sister Lilly (7). He attended Christ Church School

The 1911 Census records William age 16 at 33 Darlington St. Folkestone, occupation house & general painter. He was with his mother Mary (44) widow (married 18 years, with 3 children, .2 living), occupation charwoman. His sister Lilly, (17) is also there, listed as a domestic help. Both William and Lilly are single. William joined up in September 1914 and had previously worked for Lewis Hyland & Lewis as a porter.

William Ernest is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial, the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour, and Christ Church School Great War Memorial Plaque.

William's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Lieutenant	Service No.	--
Date of Death:	8th February 1916	Age:	21
Regiment/Service:	Leicestershire Regiment		7th Btn.
Awards:	1915 Star	Victory and British War Medals	
Grave Reference:	Plot I, A.96		
Cemetery/Memorial:	Bienvillers Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.		

Additional Information:

Entitlement to the 1915 Star medal from entering France on 29th July 1915. Killed in action.

Eustace was the only son of Mr & Mrs Frank Smart. The CWGC casualty data base (c.1921) gives their address as 46 Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone.

Eustace was born on the 10th October 1894 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.985).

Eustace's father Frank Smart was born in Lewes, Sussex. He married Christina Emma Fowler in the October – December quarter 1893 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1966). They also had one daughter, Dorothy, born in 1896.

The 1901 Census records Eustace aged 6 at 5 Victoria Grove, Folkestone, with his father Frank Simpson (34), mother Christina Simpson (34) and sister Dorothy (5). His father's occupation was a clerk in the marine department of the South East & Chatham Railway.

The 1911 Census records Eustace aged 16, a student, at 2 Kingsnorth Gardens, Folkestone with father Frank (44), mother Christina (44) and sister Dorothy (15). Eustace's obituary in the Folkestone Herald of 12th February 1916 records he had been gazetted Lieutenant shortly after the outbreak of the war. He had home leave over Christmas 1815. The notice also records his parents address as 2 Kingsnorth Gardens.

Eustace is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour.

Eustace's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: Serjeant Service No. 11931
Date of Death: 11th September 1917 Age: --
Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery "A" Bty. 93rd Brigade

Awards: Military Medal 1914 Star and Clasp
Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Plot III, A.7.
Cemetery/Memorial: Artillery Wood Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Additional Information:

Killed in action.

Entitlement to 1914 Star from entering France on 23rd August 1914.

Samuels' Military Medal was announced in the London Gazette of 17th July 1917.

'Soldiers Died' records his birth as in West Hartlepool in 1895, and his enlistment at Stockton-on-Tees. However, GRO birth records show no births in either place.

The nearest record is March 1895, ref. Lanchester 10a.305. This accords with the Census returns.

The 1911 Census records Samuel, aged 21, with his father George (43), mother Sarah Isabella (41), brothers George William (21), John (19), Joseph (10) and Thomas Brown (4), plus sisters Hannah (18) and Jane Isabella (2). They lived at 32 Clavering Place, Annfield Plain, Co. Durham. Samuel was miner (driver).

There is no record of Samuel in Folkestone. It must be presumed that at least one member of his family moved to Folkestone and wished to have their relative remembered here locally.

Samuel (with his M.M. noted) is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Samuel's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant Service No. --
Date of Death: 7th November 1917 Age: 19
Regiment/Service: Queens Own (Royal 3rd Btn. (Attd. 1st Btn.)
West Kent Regiment)
Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Plot VIII, C.3.
Cemetery/Memorial: Hooge Crater, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Additional Information:

Died of wounds.

Thomas was the son of Thomas & Florence Ethel Streatfeild (nee Maryon Wilson). The CWGC casualty database gives their address as 2 Manor Road, Folkestone. Thomas was born in the January - March quarter 1898 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1057). He was baptised on the 31st March.

Father Thomas S.(27) married Florence Ethel Wilson (23) 5th December 1896, at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, London (GRO ref. London 1a.35).

The 1901 Census records Thomas, aged 3, at 113 Sandgate Road with his father Thomas (31) a medical practitioner, mother Florence Ethel (25)

The 1911 Census records Thomas, aged 13, at 113 Sandgate Road, with father Thomas (41), a medical practitioner, mother Florence Ethel (35) and sister Cynthia Streatfeild (1).

Thomas was educated at Harris Hill, Newbury and Sherburne School. The school's Book of Remembrance states that he enlisted at Sand Hurst in November 1916, was gazetted to the Royal West Kent Regiment and went to France in September 1917, and died near Passchendaele.

Probate on his will was granted on 9th February 1919 on Thomas Basil Maryon Streatfeild of 2 Manor Road, Folkestone. Administration to Thomas Streatfeild M.D. Effects £188 1sh 10d.

Thomas is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the Christchurch memorial (now located in Holy Trinity Church). This latter memorial was dedicated on Wednesday 21st January 1920. It was unveiled by his sister Cynthia Streatfeild.

Rank: Gunner Service No. 81413
Date of Death: 25th April 1917 Age: --
Regiment/Service: Royal Garrison Artillery 145th Siege Bty.

Awards: Victory and British War medals

Grave Reference: Plot IV, E.4
Cemetery/Memorial: Duidans British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Additional Information:

Died of wounds. Enlisted Folkestone.

George was born in Sheffield in November 1876 (GRO ref. Sheffield 9c.411).

The 1881 Census records George, aged 4 as the middle of three children, at 333 Shoreham Street, Sheffield with his father Joseph Swift (27), mother Rosetta Swift (28) sister Ann M. (6) and brother Joseph E. (1). His father was a grocer (manager),.

The 1891 Census records George, aged 14, at 56 North Marine Road, Scarborough, Yorkshire, with his father Joseph (40), now a master grocer and employer. Also at the address were his mother Rosetta (40); his siblings now included a second sister Elizabeth G. (8).

George married Ethel Mary Graves in the 11th August 1902 (GRO ref. Scarborough 9d.683).

The 1911 Census records George aged 31, at 16 Stanley View. Douglas, Isle of Man, as a café manager, with his wife of 7 years Ethel Mary (28). They had no children.

George and Mary were at 39 Tontine Street, Folkestone when George enlisted on 13th January 1916. As a married man he would have been placed in the army reserve. He was mobilised on 12th May 1916. He left Folkestone for Boulogne on 20th August and remained in France until his death on 25h April 1917.

A letter from the Ministry of Pensions letter of 21st November 1917 states his widow Ethel was awarded a weekly pension of 13sh 9d, dating from 12th November.

A letter from the R.G.A. records office at Dover of 29th September 1917 lists George's effects that were returned to his widow. They included photographs, a heavy gold ring (plain), two diaries, two cookery books and a tea maker.

George left a will. The Probate document shows he died at the No. 8 Casualty Hospital, France. Probate was granted to Ethel Swift, widow. Effects £107. The address given is 39 Tontine Street, Folkestone.

George is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

George's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

George Kew Swift's Service Record file at the National Archives survives and is available as a digital download. It is particularly full, and worth viewing as a model example.

Rank: Private Service No. G/7906
 Date of Death: 13th March 1916 Age: 20
 Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent 6th Btn.
 Regiment)
 Awards: 1915 Star. Victory and British War medals
 Grave Reference: Plot II, J.4.
 Cemetery/Memorial: Vermelles British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Additional Information:

Entitlement to 1915 Star from entering France on 12th December 1915.

Died of wounds. Enlisted Dover.

Son of Mrs Elizabeth Taylor, 2A Sussex Street, Folkestone.

Frederick John Taylor was born in the July – September quarter 1895 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1025). He was baptised on 14th July 1895.

Frederick John's father Thomas John Taylor was born in Folkestone in 1868. He married Elizabeth Finnis on the 2nd April 1893 at the Church of St. Peter & Paul, Saltwood. GRO ref. Elham 2a.1815. Elizabeth Finnis was the daughter of a shepherd and was born in the October – December quarter 1869 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.895). She was baptised on the 6th February 1870 at Saltwood.

The 1901 Census records Frederick John, aged 5 at Headwell Cottage, 1 Charlotte Street, Folkestone, with father Thomas, (33), a bricklayer, mother Elizabeth (31), brother Charles (4) & William (3mo.); he died in the July – September quarter of 1901. They were living in four rooms.

The 1911 Census records Frederick John, aged 15, a butcher's errand boy, at 19 Mill Bay, Folkestone, with his father Thomas (43), a brick layer, mother Elizabeth (40), brothers Charlie (14) & Percy [sic] (4). Married nineteen years they had had five children, two of whom had died.

Frederick John's father Thomas died in the July – September quarter. 1913 aged 44 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1157).

A Frederick J. Taylor was a former pupil of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone. He is commemorated on the school's war memorial.

Frederick is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour.

Frederick's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

There is a second Frederick John Taylor recorded on the Folkestone civic war memorial (and 'Folkestone in the War'). This Frederick was a Boy (2nd Class) J/89912 on HMS 'Impregnable'. He died at the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, aged 16, on 1st July 1918, so cannot be the Frederick commemorated on this Tablet and the first War Shrine. He is buried in Cheriton cemetery.

Rank:	Rifleman	Service No. 3998
Date of Death:	31st January 1915	Age: 25
Regiment/Service:	The Rifle Brigade	2nd Btn. (Prince Consort's Own)

Awards:	1914 Star	Victory and British War Medals
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Grave Reference: E.4.

Cemetery/Memorial: Fouquissart Military Cemetery, Laventie, Pas de Calais, France.

Additional Information:

Entitlement to the 1914 Star from entering France on 7th November 1914.

Killed in action. Enlisted Dover.

The battalion seems to have served near Lavenite up to the time of William's death. The cemetery was begun in November 1914 by the 2nd Royal Berks and the 2nd Rifle Brigade, and used until June 1915.

William Ernest was the son of William & Clara Thompson, 87 Dover Street, Folkestone. The Censuses record he was born in Dublin, Ireland about 1890. The 1911 Census suggests William Ernest's father William married Clara Eliza Morris in 1884. However, the 1881 Census records William (27) married to Clara (22) with their eldest son Alfred (2 months). He is a farrier with the 4th Queens Own Hussars and resident in the East Canterbury [sic] Barracks, Aldershot, Hants. William senior was born in Belfast, Antrim in 1854; Clara Eliza Morris was born in Folkestone in the April – June quarter 1859 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.681).

The 1901 Census records William Ernest, aged 10, at 10 Eleanor Street, Bromley, with father William senior (48), mother Clara (42) and with 4 sisters and one brother David Goldstein (4). His father's occupation is given as a house Keeper (Domestic).

The 1911 Census records father William senior (57), and mother Clara (51) at 87 Dover St, Folkestone. His father's occupation is given as an army pensioner.

The 1911 Census records a William Ernest himself, aged 21, as a boarder at Little Moor, Alfreton, Derbyshire, occupation bricklayer's labourer.

William is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour.

William's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Private	Service No. G/2302
Date of Death:	18th November 1916	Age: 25
Regiment/Service:	The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)	“A” Coy. 7th Btn.
Awards:	1915 Star	Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Panel and Face 5D
 Cemetery/Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Additional Information:

Entitlement to 1915 Star from entering France on the 28th July 1915. The Battalion landed at Boulogne, having embarked at Folkestone harbour.

Killed in action. Enlisted Dover.

Cecil was the son of James Tritton, 130 Dover Road, Folkestone.

Father James Tritton married Harriet Elizabeth Keeler on the 18th February 1882 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1161). Harriet's age is given as 25. Both were born in Dover. Cecil was born in Folkestone in the October - December quarter 1891 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.991). He was baptised in Christ Church, Folkestone on 22nd December 1891.

Prior to enlisting Cecil was employed by Folkestone Cancel.

Cecil's mother Harriet E. Tritton died, aged 60, in the January - March quarter 1916 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1656).

The 7th Btn. took part in the opening day of the Battle of the Somme, “A” Coy. attacked from trenches in the valley in front of Carnoy, and captured their objectives – Pommiers Trench and Redoubt – on the road between Mametz and Montauban. They were in action to the left of the 8th Btn. the East Surreys; their “B” Coy under Captain Nevill found fame by “taking four footballs out with them which they were seen to dribble forward into the smoke of our intense bombardment on the Hun front line”.

The Battalion went on to take part in the capture of Trones Wood on the Bazentin Ridge, Delville Wood and in October fought a desperate, gruesome, but successful bombing match for the Schwaben Redoubt above Thiepval.

On 18th November 1916, the day of Cecil's death, the 7th Btn were involved in the opening day of the Battle of Ancre (the last part of the Battle of the Somme) north of Albert. Of the battle, one writer said “it began in snow and sleet and descended into chaos”.

Cecil is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour.

Cecil's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:	Stoker, 1st Class	Service No. K/18987
Date of Death:	22nd March 1918	Age: 23
Regiment/Service:	Royal Navy	"HMS Gaillardia".
Awards:	1914-15 Star	Victory and British War Medals
Grave Reference:	Panel 29	.
Cemetery/Memorial:	Chatham Naval Memorial, Kent, U.K.	

Additional Information:

George was born on 25th June 1894 at Little Hasly (or Hasely), Oxfordshire. He was the youngest son of Alfred Thomas & Louisa Walder, 20 Darby Road, Folkestone.

George's father Alfred Thomas Walder married Louisa Potter in the July - September quarter 1882 (GRO ref. Dover 2a.1510).

The 1891 Census records George's family at Haseley, Oxon. His father's occupation (aged 35) is given as coachman, domestic servant.

The 1901 Census records George, aged 7 at 6 Royal Clifton Mews, Folkestone with his father and mother, plus three sisters. His father's occupation (aged 45) is given as a cab driver.

The 1911 Census records George, single aged 17, at 8 Darby Road, occupation butcher. With him were father Thomas (56) a cab driver, mother Louisa (56), and two sisters - Louisa (single 25) and Rosina (single 19). The Census records Thomas and Louisa had six children (5 still living).

The CWGC Memorial Register records the bare details of George's death as "Killed by a mine explosion in the North Sea. Body not recovered for burial."

However: HMS Gaillardia was an 'Aubretia' Class Convoy Sloop of 1,250 tons, 17 knots, 92 crew, and was built with mercantile appearances and used as Q-ship. On 22nd March 1918, in the North Sea, off the Orkney Islands she was carrying out buoying operations in the newly-laid Northern Barrage between Scotland and Norway aimed at interrupting the passage of U-boats into the North Atlantic, when she was blown up and sunk by one of the barrage mines. Although most sources put her loss down to mines, at least one suggests she was torpedoed. Ninety-three crew were lost. The wreck's position is N 58° 55.3', W 1° 49'.

The Commander of HMS Gaillardia was John Sharpey Schafer, who is also named on Panel 27 of the Chatham Naval Memorial and the Singapore Cenotaph on the Padang. De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour says of him:

"SCHAFER, JOHN SHARPEY, Acting Commander, Royal Navy, elder s. of Sir Edward Sharpey Schafer, Kt. Bach., LL.I., F.R.S., of Edinburgh University and Marly Knowe, North Berwick, Co. Haddington, by his wife, Maud, eldest daughter. of Adolphus William Dixey; and brother to Lieut. T. S. K. Schafer; b. Elstree, Co. Hertford, 29 June, 1881; educ. Ascham Rouse, Bournemouth, and R.M.8. Britannia (passing in second on the list); served as Midshipman on H.M.S. Bonaventure, on the China Station, and took part in the operations consequent on the Boxer Rebellion in 1890 (China Medal); subsequently served as Sub-Lieut. in home waters, and as Lieut. on the Indian Station, where he was engaged in various expeditions connected with the suppression of the slave trade and the illicit importation of arms on the Somaliland coast and in the Persian Gulf; was appointed Naval Assistant in the Hydrographic Department of the Admiralty in March, 1907; was placed, at his own request, on the Retired List as Lieut.-Commander in 1912; went to Malacca in May of the same year,

being engaged in rubber planting; on the outbreak of war rejoined the Navy, being appointed to the Staff of the Admiral in command. of the China Station at Singapore: in Jan. 1915, was appointed to H.M.S. King George, Flagship of the 2nd Battle Squadron; was present in her at the Battle of Jutland 31 May, 1916; promoted Acting Commander and Navigator on the Staff soon after that engagement. He was instrumental in introducing improvements in tactics which have been adopted by the Admiralty; In Nov. 1917, he was selected for special surveying service, in connection with the establishment of the Great Northern Barrage Mine Field between Scotland and Norway, and temporarily appointed to H.M.S. Gaillardia for this purpose, and was lost when that ship was sunk by a mine 22 March, 1918. He married at St. Mary Abbott s, Kensington, W., 9 Nov. 1907, Ruth, youngest daughter of William Hutchinson, and had two sons: Edward Peter, b. 22 Sept. 1908, and John Michael, b. 18 Oct. 1911.” George is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial.

Henry WALKER

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Rank: Private Service No. 203085
Date of Death: 21st March 1918 Age: 33
Regiment/Service: Wiltshire Regiment 2nd Btn.

Awards: --

Grave Reference: Panel 64.
Cemetery/Memorial: Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.

Additional Information:

Born in Bow, E. London in 1885.

Son of Mr Henry & Mrs Emma Annie Walker, s42 New Street, Plaistow, E. London.

The 1901 Census records Henry, single age 16, at 16 Herbert Road, East Ham, with his parents, three brothers and one sister. Occupation bottle labeller.

His wife, Florence Alice Ireland, was born in Bow, London January – March 1886 (GRO ref. London City 1c.15). She was baptised in St. Bartholomew the Great, London, on the 28th February 1886. Her father was Robert Henry, mother Caroline Jane Ireland.

Henry married Florence Alice Ireland July – September 1908 (GRO ref. West Ham 4a.253).

The 1911 Census records Henry & Florence with twin sons Albert Richard & Robert James, less than one month old, at 145 Becton Road, Canning Town, E. London. Henry's occupation wine cellerman. On the Census record Henry states they have three children; perhaps the eldest was staying with a relative for the birth. The CWGC database records Mrs F.A. Walker's address as 29 Gladstone Road, Folkestone. Her previous link to Folkestone is that on Census night 1891 she was with her grandparents, age 6, at 13 Princess Street, Folkestone. At some point after Henry's death she moved to 24 Gladstone Road, Folkestone. Local directories give the owner/occupier as George William Hodge (Uncle)

Florence Alice Walker is listed as owner/occupier in the 1922 Parson's Directory of Folkestone.

Rank: Private Service No. G/72673
 Date of Death: 23rd August 1918 Age: 19
 Regiment/Service: Royal Fusiliers (City 24th Btn.
 of London Regiment)
 Awards: Victory and British War Medals

Grave Reference: Plot III, B.8.
 Cemetery/Memorial: Gommecourt South Cemetery, Somme, France.

Additional Information:

Killed in action. Enlisted Dover.

John was born in the April – June quarter 1899 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1082).

He was the second of four sons of William Boxer & Edith J. Wills. The CWGC casualty database (c.1921) gives their address as 42 Bradstone Road, Folkestone.

William Boxer married Edith J. Munday in the January – March quarter 1898 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1457).

John Edwin was born in Folkestone in the April – June quarter 1899 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.1082).

The 1901 Census records John, aged 2, at 31 Fern Bank Crescent, Folkestone, with father William Wills (28) a carpenter, mother Edith (31), plus brothers William Reginald (6) and Albert (2 months old).

The 1911 Census records John, aged (12, at 7 Darby Road, Folkestone with father William Boxer Mills (38), occupation carpenter & joiner, mother Edith (42), and brothers William Reginald (16), Albert Edward (10) & Edward George (11 months). The Census says they had five children in all, one of whom had died.

The 1911 Census records his grandfather John Boxer Wills (widower aged 79), journeyman carpenter, at 42 Bradstone Road. He died on 10th March 1916 (Probate granted at Canterbury on 2nd September). Effects £259 2sh. 6d.

John is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the Grace Hill Council School memorial (formerly the Wesleyan Chapel School).

Rank:	Private	Service No.	G/5247
Date of Death:	23rd April 1915	Age:	34
Regiment/Service:	The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)	2nd Btn.	
Awards:	1915 Star	Victory and British War medals	
Grave Reference:	Panel 12& 14		
Cemetery/Memorial:	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.		

Additional Information:

Entitlement to 1915 Star from entering France on 14th April 1915.

Killed in action. Enlisted in Folkestone in January 1915.

William was born on 2nd November 1880 at Anvil Green, Waltham, Kent. The birth was registered in the first quarter 1881 (GRO ref. Bridge (Kent) 2a.797).

He was the son of Jane Winchester (nee Dilnot) of Aldington, and John Winchester. They married at St. Bartholomew's Church, Waltham, on 1st December 1877.

The CWGC database (c.1921) records William was the husband of Jessie Louisa Winchester, 44 Church Road, Ramsgate, In 1915 she is recorded at 2 Ivy Cottages, Bradstone Road, Folkestone.

The 1881 Census records William, aged 5 months, at Anvil Green, Waltham, Bridge. He was with his father John Winchester (30), a shepherd, born in Waltham, mother Jane (22), and elder brother John (2).

The 1891 Census records William, aged 10, at Church Lane Cottage, Little London, Waltham, with his mother Jane (32), occupation was general servant (stone picker).

The 1901 Census records William, aged 20, at the above address with his mother Jane (42) and brother Alfred (18). William's occupation is given as a farm worker. William's father John died in the January – March quarter of 1905 at the Kent County Lunatic Asylum, Chartham Downs, Kent, aged 58. The Censuses show he had been an inmate since at least 1891.

William (26) married Jessie Louisa Sykes on the 27th October 1906 in Ramsgate. Jessie was born in Ramsgate in 1878.

The 1911 Census records William's mother Jane (52), widow, at Parsonage Cottage, Parsonage House, Aldington, with Alfred Winchester (28), a widower and Alfred's daughter Ethel (5). Alfred was a farm labourer; Jane his housekeeper.

The 1911 Census records William, age 30 with his wife Jesse (30) at Church Hill Street, Aldington, Hythe; they had no children. William's occupation was as a general farm labourer.

William's service record has not survived; the Folkestone Herald reported he had only gone out to the front on 14th April. In April 1915 the 2nd Btn. were involved in the Second Battle of Ypres. On the 22nd April the Germans launched their first gas attack of the War. Next day the Battalion, with the Canadians, made a full daylight attack to regain the lost ground and came under heavy German fire.

It is a particular sadness that William had only been in France for ten days before his death in action.

William's mother Jane died in the April – June quarter 1934 in East Ashford at 75. William's connection to Folkestone is unclear at present but it is believed he resided in Folkestone some time after 1911. However, he is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial and the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour. William's name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.

Rank:2nd Engineer		Service No. --
Date of Death:	24th March 1917	Age: 25
Regiment/Service:	Mercantile Marine	“Achille Adam” (London)

Awards: --

Grave Reference: --

Cemetery/Memorial: Tower Hill Memorial, London.

Additional Information:

Harry was born in Folkestone in the October - December quarter 1891 (GRO ref. Elham 2a.980).

He was the son of Charles & Sarah Wright.

Husband of Clara Louisa Mary Wright (nee Pilcher), 7 Abbott Road,, Dover Road, Folkestone.

Harry’s father Charles Wright married Sarah Ann Edwards in the April – June quarter 1888 (GRO ref. Atcham 6a.1193). Atcham is on border of Shropshire and Montgomeryshire. Charles was born in Ashford; Sarah Wright born Shrewsbury about 1864.

The 1891 Census records Harry’s, father Charles (35) at 14 Harvey Street, Folkestone, with mother Sarah (37) and sister Margaret (1). Charles’s occupation was as a Ship's engine driver for the SE&C Railway

The 1901 Census records Harry, aged 9, at 14 Harvey Street with his mother Sarah A Wright (47) (listed as Head of house, married), and sister Margaret (11).

The 1911 Census records father Charles (55), mother Sarah (57), daughter Margaret (21) at 14 Harvey Street; also mother in law Elizabeth Edwards, widow 85. Charles is described as marine engineer, SE&C Railway (boats).

The 1911 Census records Harry himself as a boarder, aged 19, at Victoria House, Russell St., Dover, as a marine engine fitters apprentice for the SE&C Railway. Head of the house was an Annie Ridley Hocking (43); her son also an apprentice. The vessel ‘Achille Adam’ was a 460 ton steamer, built in 1887 for the SE&C Railway. On March 17th 1917 it was captured en-route between St. Valery and Newhaven by U-boat B-29, commander Heinrick Kustner, and sunk with bombs. She lies 31m SE by E off Beachy Head.

Harry died from exposure as a result. He was buried at sea.

Harry left a will. Probate was granted on 7th August 1917 to Clara Louisa Mary Wright, widow. Effects £236 13sh, 10d.

UB-39 was itself sunk with the loss of all 24 crew, including Kustner on or about 7th May 1917.

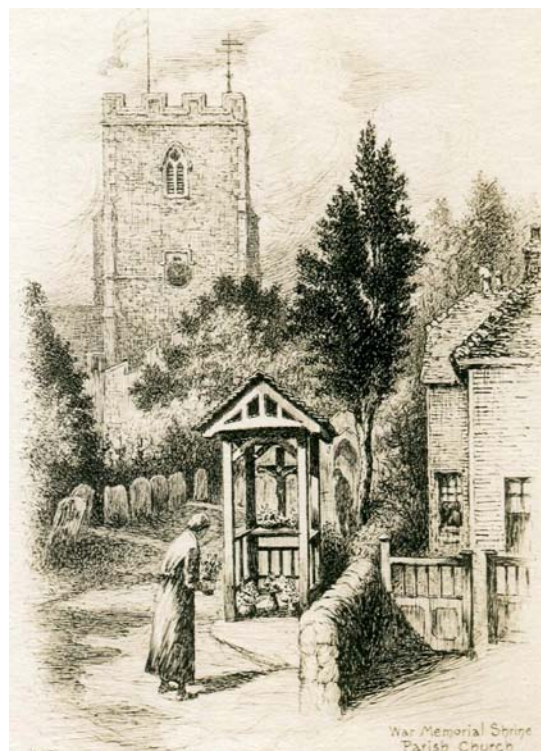
Harry is also commemorated on the Folkestone civic war memorial, the St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Roll of Honour and Dover civic war memorial.

Harry is also named on the Newhaven, Sussex, transport memorial. He is one of six casualties memorialised here from the ‘Achille Adam’.

Harry’s name was also recorded on the first War Shrine tablet dedicated in 1917.



The Churchyard War Shrine , 2014



The Churchyard War Shrine, 1917-22
(Writer's collection)

POSTSCRIPT

A growing note of sadness crept into our research while compiling these biographies. Thanks to the internet and the increasing number of documents being digitised and so available on-line, it is becoming easier to discover details of casualties' families. But many of the men themselves remain but dim shadows. So many died young, before they had had a chance to make their mark on the world; and in the majority of cases their service record is no longer exists.

By the end of 1918 more than seven million men and women had seen service in the British Army. More than half the service records were destroyed by fire in September 1940 when a German bombing raid hit the War office repository in Arnside Street, London. However, some 2.8 million service records either survived the bombing, or were reconstructed from the records of the Ministry of Pensions.

Those Army records that survived the fire and subsequent water damage are the so-called 'Burnt Documents'; some records show clear signs of charring to some extent. They cover soldiers who completed their service between 1914 and 1920. They might have been killed in action, discharged on medical grounds without a pension or demobilised at the war's end. Not all are yet digitised, but more are being so and so becoming available. The National Archives catalogue reference for the series is WO363.

Those Army records recovered and reconstructed from the Ministry of Pensions and other government sources are known as the 'Unburnt Documents'. They mainly include men who were discharged (with pensions) from the army because of sickness or wounds received in battle between 1914 and 1920. Because the severity of wounds determined the amount of pension awarded most of these records also include medical reports. The National Archives catalogue reference for this series is WO364.

THE 39 CASUALTIES NAMED ON THE ORIGINAL 1917 WAR SHRINE,

As given in the Folkestone Herald, reporting on its dedication on 31st October 1917.

Harry Baker	Wm. Akers Lord	Herbert Poole
Cecil Roy Barrett	Donald Major	Arthur Puttee
Albert Bates	Ronald [<i>sic</i>] Major	William Richardson
Frederick Burrows	Albert Marshall	William Simpson
George Harry Clarke	Wm. George Marwood	Samuel Stephens
Frank Dale Court	Wm. Alan Menzies	George Kew Swift
Vere de Hoghton	Eric James Morford	Frederick Gordon de Satge
Walter Duncombe	Charles Edward Munday	E. Fowler Smart
George Ellis	Jeffrey Bradley Penfold	Frederick Taylor
Harry Finn	Albert Henry Parsons	William Thompson
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