

# Broadstairs Holy Trinity



The war memorial as shown above is on an external wall of the parish church of Holy Trinity, Nelson Place, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet. Thanks are due to Hannah L. Scullion for the providing the photograph above for inclusion here. The panel which is located below the crucifix bears the following inscription:-

IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE ABOVE  
FROM THIS PARISH WHO GAVE THEIR  
LIVES FOR THEIR BRETHREN 1914-1918  
JESU MERCY

## The Great War

1914 -1919

**G.W. APPLETON** 2nd Officer R.N.

**APPLETON, GEORGE WILLIAM.** Second Officer.

Mercantile Marine Reserve, H.M. Fleet Messenger "Susetta."

Died Saturday 14 December 1918. Aged 28.

Born Hurst Castle, Lymington, Hampshire.

Only son of Lizzie Caroline Appleton (née Ellis) of "Gable End," 19, Rectory Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent, and the late George Gershom Appleton. Commemorated Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 30, and on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, on the St. Peter's, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, as shown in the photograph above.

George died whilst serving in the Red Sea area onboard H.M. Fleet Messenger "Susetta." He has the unfortunate distinction of being the sole Great War casualty of the ships compliment.

**H. BOWYER** Drummer.

**BOWYER, HORACE EDWIN.** Private, 2813.

8th (Service) Battalion, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died Monday 19 June 1916. Aged 22.

Born Dulwich, Surrey. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Horace William Bowyer and Jane Bowyer (née Daniel) of 39, St. Georges Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France.

Grave Ref: II. E. 230.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, also as a Drummer on the St. Peter's, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, as can be seen in the photograph above.

Formerly Private, 2792, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Horace was posted to France with The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment) on Tuesday 31 August 1915. Horace's mother was still residing at 39, St. Georges Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent when she received his war medals in September 1920.

**BRENCHLEY R. H.**

**BRENCHLEY, ROBERT HENRY.** Blacksmith, 156247.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. 'Cressy.'

Died Tuesday 22 September 1914. Aged 46.

Born Fairfield, Isle of Thanet, Kent 25 January 1868.

Son of Henry and Elizabeth Brenchley of Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Husband of Louisa J Brenchley (née Fagg) of Richborough Villas, St. Peters Park Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 6, as shown above, and on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, also on the St. Peter's, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, which shows Robert's rank as being a Petty Officer 1st Class.

At the time of Robert's death, his wife resided at 20, Albion Street, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent, and was recorded as being his next of kin. Early in the Great War, the Royal Navy maintained a patrol of old Cressy class armoured cruisers which was called 'Cruiser Force C,' in an area of the North Sea known as the Broad Fourteens. On Thursday 16 July 1914 the German submarine U-9 had become the first submarine in history to reload torpedoes whilst still submerged, and on Tuesday 22 September 1914, the same submarine under the command of 32 year old Kapitänleutnant Otto Weddigen who had commanded the U-9 since Saturday 1 August 1914, sighted H.M.S.Cressy, H.M.S.Aboukir and H.M.S.Hogue all steaming North-North-East at 10 knots without zigzagging, although the patrols were supposed to maintain a speed of 12 to 13 knots and zigzag, the old cruisers were unable to maintain that speed, and the zigzagging order was widely ignored mainly due to the fact that there had been no enemy submarines sighted in that area of the North Sea at that stage of the war. Otto Weddigen and his crew later the same day put into practice under wartime conditions what they had perfected in peacetime, and were able to reload torpedoes beneath the waves. Otto Weddigen maneuvered the U-9 to attack the three cruisers, and at approximately 0625 hours fired a single torpedo at H.M.S.Aboukir which stuck her on her port side. H.M.S.Aboukir rapidly suffered heavy flooding and despite counter flooding developed a 20 degree list and lost engine power. It was soon clear that she was a lost cause and Captain Drummond ordered her to be abandoned although only one boat had survived the attack, as the result of which most crew had to jump into the sea. At first Captain Drummond thought that H.M.S.Aboukir had been mined and signaled the other two cruisers to close and assist with the rescue of his crew, but he soon realised that it was a torpedo attack and ordered the other cruisers away, but too late. As H.M.S.Aboukir rolled over and sank only half an hour after being attacked, Otto Weddigen fired two torpedoes at H.M.S. Hogue that hit her amidships and rapidly flooded her engine room. Captain Nicholson of H.M.S. Hogue had stopped his ship to lower boats to rescue the crew of H.M.S.Aboukir, thinking that as he was the other side of H.M.S.Aboukir from the enemy submarine he would be safe. Unfortunately the U-9 had managed to maneuver around H.M.S.Aboukir and attacked H.M.S.Hogue from a range of about only 300 yards, and it only took H.M.S.Hogue ten minutes to sink as the U-9 headed

for H.M.S.Cressy, which was commanded by Captain Johnson. H.M.S.Cressy had also stopped to lower boats but she quickly got underway on sighting a submarine periscope. At about 0720hours Otto Weddigen fired two torpedoes, one of which just missed, but the other hit H.M.S.Cressy on her starboard side. The damage to H.M.S.Cressy was not fatal but the U-9 then turned round and fired her last torpedo as a coup de grace, which hit H.M.S.Cressy sinking her within a quarter of an hour. Survivors of the disaster were picked up by several nearby merchant ships including the Dutch vessels Flora and Titan, and the British trawlers JGC and Corairder, before the Harwich force of light cruisers and destroyers arrived. Flora returned to Holland with 286 rescued crew who were quickly returned to Britain, even though the neutral Dutch should have interned them. In all 837 men were rescued but 1459 died, many of whom were reservists or cadets. On Thursday 18 March 1915 the German uboat U-29 was rammed and sunk by the 20,730 ton battleship H.M.S. Dreadnought in the Pentland Firth, Scotland, and all 32 submariners onboard perished, including Otto Weddigen who had been in command of the uboat since Tuesday 16 February 1915.



**BRISLEY, LESLIE CHARLES.** Lance Corporal, 15583.

3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.

Died Tuesday 27 November 1917. Aged 23.

Born Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Alfred Edward Brisley and Mary Ann Brisley (née Emptage) of 15, Chaucer Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Panel 2, as shown above, and on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial.

Leslie was serving in the 3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards at Wellington barracks, London, when he and the rest of the battalion were posted to France on Monday 26 July 1915. As part of the 2nd Guards Brigade, Guards Division, the 3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards landed at the busy French port of Harve on Tuesday 27 July 1915. Leslie was numbered amongst the 111 other ranks in his battalion who died on Tuesday 27 November 1917 at the French village of Fontaine Notre Dame, during the 'Battle of Cambrai.' Included amongst the deaths was 26 year old Serjeant, John Harold Rhodes, V.C. D.C.M. & Bar, from Pittshill, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. John was a Lance Sergeant when he won the V.C. at the 'Battle of Poelcappelle' on Tuesday 9 October 1917. An extract from The London Gazette, dated Friday 23 November 1917, records the following: - For most conspicuous bravery when in charge of a Lewis gun section covering the consolidation of the right front company. He accounted for several enemy with his rifle as well as by Lewis gun fire, and, upon seeing three enemy leave a "pill-box," he went out singlehanded through our own barrage and hostile machine-gun fire, and effected an entry into the "pill-box." He there captured nine enemy including a forward observation officer connected by telephone with his battery. These prisoners he brought back with him, together with valuable information.

**J. BUNCE** *Private.*

**BUNCE**, JOB. Private, 03850.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Died Tuesday 27 July 1916. Aged 34.

Born Chichester, Sussex. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Henry Bunce and Alice Bunce.

Husband of Florence Emily Bunce (née Pusey) of 25, Chaucer Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried St. Peter-in-Thanet Churchyard, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Grave Ref: 4. 16.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, and on the St. Peter's, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, as shown in the photograph above.

Job married Miss Florence Emily Pusey at Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent on 27 December 1909. He enlisted in the Army Ordnance Corps 'For the Duration of the War,' on 9 January 1915. At the time of enlisting in the army, Job stated that he was employed as a Storeman, was 33 years and 4 months old, and residing with his wife at 1, Tunis Row, Nelson Place, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. He also stated that he wished to serve in the Army Ordnance Corps as a Blacksmith. After serving for 1 year and 200 days, Job was medically discharged from the army due to Diabetes. At which time his address was 7, Sea View Cottages, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Job's death was recorded in the Thanet, Kent Registration District during the third quarter of 1916.

**G. J. BUTCHER** *Private.*

**BUTCHER**, GEORGE JAMES. Private, 15073.

2nd Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers.

Died Saturday 10 November 1917. Aged 38.

Born Crundale, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted and resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Husband of Maud Jane Butcher (née Temple) of 'Ethelville,' 4, Belvedere Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 143, and on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, also on the St. Peters in Thanet, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, as shown above, and on page 307 of Ireland's Memorial Records 1914-1918.

Formerly Private, 4744, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). George is recorded as having been amongst the 99 other ranks of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers, who lost their lives on Saturday 10 November 1917, when the battalion had a total casualty roll of 13 officers and about 400 other ranks. The high figure appears to be due in part to a ragged artillery barrage which fell short during an attack on the Belgium village of Passchendaele, near Ypres which was fully exploited during subsequent German counter attacks.

**E. J. CROOM** *Lance-Corporal.*

**CROOM**, EDWARD JOHN. Lance Corporal, 2853.

4th Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died Friday 14 May 1915. Aged 24.

Born and resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Elizabeth Croom of 1, Chapel Place, Albion Street, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent, and the late James Croom.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 46, and on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, also on the St. Peters in Thanet, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, as shown above.

Edward was a pre Great War member of the Rifle Brigade, having enlisted in the army as a regular soldier on Thursday 21 May 1908, for 7 years service with the Colours and 5 years in the Army Reserve. Judging by a number of relevant census entries for the Croom family, it would appear that they had resided at the above address for several years, and was probably where Edward was born.

**GILBERT**, HERBERT. No clear trace. Probably Herbert is the casualty who is also commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial as Private H.E. GILBERT. The sole matching casualty as commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is the following South African soldier:-

**GILBERT**, H.E. Private, S/69.

South African Service Corps.

Died Monday 3 May 1915.

Buried Maitland Cemetery, Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa.

Grave Ref: Section 4. 97064A.

**R. S. GOODBURN** *Private.*

**GOODBURN**, ROBERT SYDNEY. Private, 228612.

1/1st (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers), attached to the 2/4th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers).

Died Thursday 21 March 1918.

Born, enlisted and resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Hezekiah Goodburn and Lucy Goodburn (née Seager) of 5, Clarendon Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 85, and on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, also on the St. Peters in Thanet, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, as shown above.

Formerly Private, 266897, Kent Cyclists Battalion. Robert's birth was recorded in the Thanet, Kent Registration District during the second quarter of 1885, and as such he was probably 33 years of age at the time of his death on Thursday 21 March 1918, which was the first day of the 1918 German Spring Offensive.

**GOODWIN, HUBERT ARTHUR.** Private, G/37745.

7th (Service) Battalion, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died Thursday 19 July 1917. Aged 38.

Born Dargate, Hernehill, Faversham, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Richard Goodwin and Emma Goodwin.

Husband of Alice Maud Goodwin (née Ansell).

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 11.

Hubert was born at Dargate, Hernehill, Faversham, Kent on Thursday 28 November 1878. The Reverend Hubert Charles S. Kroenig officiated at the ceremony when Hubert married Miss Alice Maud Ansell, at the parish church of St. Luke, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent on Monday 2 June 1902. On some of the data sources checked by the transcriber of these brief commemorations, including Hubert's medal index card entry, erroneously record Hubert with his Christian name shown as Herbert. There is also a variance appertaining to Hubert's date of death, as his Commonwealth War Graves Commission commemoration details record it as 19 July 1917, but his entry in/on 'Soldiers Died in the Great War' show the date as 16 July 1917, on which day it shows 6 other ranks as having been killed in action.



**J.A. GRANGER** Private.

**GRANGER, JOHN ALEXANDER.** Private, 203530.

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

Died Thursday 6 December 1917.

Born, enlisted and resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Mary Granger (née Martin) of Kingsmede Eastern Esplanade, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent, and the late John Alexander Granger.

Buried Le Cateau Military Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: V. E. 11.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, and on the St. Peters in Thanet, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, as shown above.

Formerly Private, 2605, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). At the time of the 1881 census, the Granger family resided at 2, Chandos Place, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Head of the house was 31 year old Broadstairs native John Alexander Granger (senior), who was employed as a Plasterer. John (junior) was recorded as being aged 4 by the census enumerator, and as such he would have been about 40 years of age at the time of his death. John was one of two men serving in the 6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) who died on Thursday 6 December 1917, and he has the unfortunate distinction of being the sole other rank to be killed in action that day, as the other casualty, Private Walter Pendry from Edmonton, Middlesex died of his wounds, and he also is at rest in the same row of graves as John, at Le Cateau Military Cemetery.

## H.J.HAMMOND Sergeant

**HAMMOND, HENRY JOHN.** No CWGC trace.

Also commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, and on the St. Peters in Thanet, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, as shown above.

On the latter war memorial, Henry is commemorated as having been a Sergeant who died in 1918. It was noted by the transcriber of these brief commemorations whilst attempting to access details appertaining to Henry, that the birth of a John Henry Hammond was recorded in the Thanet, Kent Registration District during the second quarter of 1893.

**HARTY, ROBERT HENRY.** Gunner, 130215.

319th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died Friday 5 October 1917. Aged 41.

Born and enlisted Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided St. Peter in Thanet, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of William Harty and Jane Harty.

Husband of Maud Annie F. Harty (née Webb) of 57, Albion Street, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Klein-Vierstraat British Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: III.F.12.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial.

At the time of the 1901 census, Robert was recorded by the census enumerator as being 25 years of age and employed as a Gas Labourer, and was residing as a boarder at 5, Stains Place, Crow Hill, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

## J.V.HESSE Acting Corporal

**HESSE, JOHN VIVIENNE.** Corporal, G/2867.

3rd (Reserve) Battalion, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died Thursday 21 November 1918. Aged 23.

Son of Emma Elizabeth Hesse of 7, Leslie Cottages, Union Square, Harbour Street, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent and of the late John Hesse.

Buried St. Peter in Thanet Churchyard, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Grave Ref: 19. 7.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, and on the St. Peter's, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, as shown in the photograph above.

John was posted to France on Tuesday 31 August 1915, at which time he was serving as a Private in The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment). His death was recorded in the Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk Registration District during the fourth quarter of 1918. John's mother; Mrs Emma Elizabeth Hesse, was still residing at 7, Leslie Cottages, Union Square, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent, when she died on Saturday 19 July 1936.



**HILLS, HERBERT WALTER.** D.C.M? Sergeant, L/9402.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died Monday 31 May 1918. Aged 25.

Born and resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Ethelbert Alfred Hills and Ellen Charlotte Hills (née Pantony).

Husband of Mary Catherine Hills (née Coffey) of 40, Wearside Road, Lewisham, London, SE13.

Buried Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: XI.D.9.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial.

At the time of the 1901 census, the Hills family resided at 13, Thanet Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Head of the house was 48 year old St. Peters, Isle of Thanet, Kent native Ethelbert Alfred Hills who was employed as a House Painter. Herbert's marriage to 22 year old Miss Mary Catherine Coffey, took place at the parish church of St. Michael, Wood Green, London on Thursday 3 June 1915. At the time of the marriage, Mary resided at 4, Tower Terrace, Station Road, Wood Green, London. The marriage was recorded in the Edmonton, Middlesex Registration District during the second quarter of 1915. Herbert formerly served as Private, 1065, 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment, (Special Reserve) from Tuesday 24 May 1910. He enlisted in The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) as a regular soldier on Tuesday 15 November 1910, for 7 years service with the Colours and 5 years in the Army Reserve. At the time of his enlistment, Herbert stated that he was 18 years of age, and that he was employed as a Bootmaker, although he was not actually 18 until Thursday 24 November 1910. He was posted to France with the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) on Monday 7 September 1914. Herbert was Mentioned in Despatches which was announced in a Supplement of the London Gazette dated Wednesday 17 February 1915, at which time he was serving as a Corporal in The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). In addition to having been Mentioned in Despatches, Herbert was one of only seven other ranks of his regiment to be awarded the Medal of the Russian Order of St. George (2nd Class), during the Great War. On the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, Herbert is commemorated as having been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, but despite searching a number of relevant data sources, the transcriber of these brief commemorations has not been able to access any information at all appertaining to the awarding of the D.C.M. to him. Herbert was one of two men serving in the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) who died on Monday 31 May 1918, and has the unfortunate distinction of being the sole other rank to be killed in action that day, as the other casualty, 35 year old Second Boer War veteran Private Arthur Cornish from the Isle of Sheppey, Kent died of his wounds. Herbert had been an enthusiastic and well known local football player, and prior to enlisting in the army and also whilst he was home on leave, which included whilst he was in the latter stages of his recovery from Enteric Fever, Herbert had played football for the 'Thursday Football Club' at Broadstairs.

## A.S. HOBDAY *Private.*

**HOBDAY, ALFRED SIDNEY.** Private, G/8559.

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

Died Thursday 19 October 1916. Aged 21.

Born, enlisted and resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Alfred Edward Hobday and Julia Hobday of 55, Albion Street, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried St. Peter in Thanet Churchyard, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Grave Ref: 18. 55.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, and on the St. Peter's, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, as shown in the photograph above.

At the time of the 1901 census, the Hobday family resided at the above address. Head of the house was 31 year old Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent native Alfred Edward Hobday, who was employed as a Gas Works Labourer.

**HYMERS, FREDERICK WILLIAM.** Driver/Trumpeter, 1063.

“C” Battery, 222nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died Friday 9 June 1916. Aged 19.

Born Bexleyheath, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Mrs Susannah Hymers of 3, Buckingham Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Amara War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: IX.H.10.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, and in the “C” Battery, 222nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, Book of Remembrance, which is now in the safe keeping of the Dover Museum.

Frederick enlisted in the Territorial Force on Friday 17 May 1912, at which time he stated that he was 17 years and 1 month old, having been born on Tuesday 26 March 1895, he also said that he resided with his mother at “Milton Haven,” Queen's Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent, and that he was employed as Plumbers Mate by Edmund. R. Dunn, Builder and Sanitary Engineer, of the Broadway, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. He was attested to serve in the 3rd Home Counties (Cinque Ports) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Frederick carried out his Annual Training at Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent, and at Larkhill, Wiltshire. Following his service in the United Kingdom, Frederick was posted to serve in the Indian Expeditionary Force on Friday 29 October 1914. He completed his service in India when he sailed from Bombay on Sunday 14 May 1916, and disembarked at Basra, Mesopotamia on Saturday 22 May 1916. Whilst serving in Mesopotamia, Frederick contracted Enteric and was hospitalised at the 23rd Stationary Hospital at Amara, where he died. On the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, Frederick is commemorated with his rank shown as Trumpeter, which he had been appointed to on Friday 15 October 1915.

**JARMAN, ALBERT.** Private, G/6590.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died Sunday 7 November 1915. Aged 18.

Born Northwood, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Only son of Albert Stephen Jarman and Alice Jane Jarman (née Warren) of 25, King Edward Terrace, Clarendon Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: III. E. 33.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial.

Formerly Private, 6067, 3rd Reserve Cavalry Regiment. Albert enlisted in the army for 1 year on Thursday 3 September 1914, at which time he stated that he was 19 years and 7 months old, and employed as a Grocer. He was attested to serve in the 3rd Reserve Cavalry Regiment, which was affiliated to the 3rd (Prince of Wales's) Dragoon Guards, and 6th (Carabiniers) Dragoon Guards, and was initially intended to be posted to the Regimental Depot at Newport, Wales, but joined the 3rd Reserve Cavalry Regiment at Canterbury, Kent two days after his enlistment. On Wednesday 2 June 1915, Albert was transferred to the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), which was stationed at The Citadel, Western Heights, Dover, Kent, and given the new regimental number G/6590. He was posted abroad for service with the British Expeditionary Force as a member of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) on Tuesday 22 June 1915. Albert has the unfortunate distinction of being the sole other rank fatality suffered by his battalion on Sunday 7 November 1915.

**KNOTT, JOSEPH HENRY.** Private, 30138.

3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.

Died Thursday 22 August 1918. Aged 19.

Born Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Henry John Knott and Mary Knott (née Tribe) of 22, Chaucer Street, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: IV. K. 3.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial.

Known to all and sundry as 'John,' Joseph was born at Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent on Sunday 30 July 1899. He was numbered amongst the 13 other ranks in his battalion who died on Thursday 22 August 1918, which had also included fellow 'Man of Kent,' 27 year old Private, Frederick Maurice Hammond of 5, Hillside Cottages, Shepherdswell, Dover, Kent, who is also at rest at Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux. Joseph's father; Henry John Knott who was a native of Southwark, London, and employed a Cab Driver, enlisted in the army 'For the Duration of the War' on Thursday 4 February 1915, and served as a Corporal in the Inland Water Transport, Royal Engineers during the Great War. Henry served overseas in action, but unlike his son he fortunately survived the carnage of the war, and was discharged to the "Z" Reserve on Wednesday 28 May 1919.

**NASH**, ALBERT STEPHEN. Private, 35994.

"C" Company, 12th (Service) Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment, (Bristol).

Died Sunday 25 August 1918. Aged 19.

Born and resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Samuel Nash of "St. Quentin," West Cliff Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Adanac Military Cemetery, Miraumont, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: III. F. 14.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial.

Albert was a brother of Percy James Nash who is the next casualty briefly commemorated below.

**NASH**, PERCY JAMES. Private, G/37295.

11th (Service) Battalion, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment), (Lambeth).

Died Wednesday 1 August 1917. Aged 19.

Born and resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Herne Bay, Kent.

Son of Samuel Nash of 34, Albion Street, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 14, and on the Broadstairs Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial.

**PANTONY**, CHARLES WILLIAM. Private, S/1135.

1st Battalion, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died Thursday 25 February 1915.

Born and resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Robert Pantony and Sarah A Pantony.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 14, and on the Broadstairs Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial.

Charles enlisted in the army in September 1914, and he was posted to France with The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment) on Thursday 1 April 1915. The following article appertaining to the demise Charles's was published in the local newspaper, the Isle of Thanet Gazette, and which had the poignant heading SAD NEWS FOR BROADSTAIRS WIFE. "Pte Charles W Pantony, of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt., who was reported missing after the attack at Loos on September 25th 1915, has now officially been reported killed on that date. Although close upon fourteen months after he had failed to answer roll call on that memorable day, his wife, who resides at 2, Wrotham Avenue, Broadstairs had not given up hope of her husband still being alive. Pte Pantony volunteered for the colours in September 1914 and proceeded to the Western Front with his battalion in March of the same year. He was doing duty for a considerable time as a sniper. Previous to enlisting, the gallant soldier was employed by Mr J T May, of Broadstairs, as a painter and had a wide circle of friends among whom he was much respected." Charles's birth was recorded in the Thanet, Kent Registration District during the fourth quarter of 1881, and as such he would have been about 33 years old when he fell.

PANTONY P. W.

**PANTONY, PERCY WILLIAM.** Lance Corporal, 2855.

3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died Tuesday 31 July 1917. Aged 27.

Born and resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Alfred James Pantony and Emma Pantony (née Kenton) of 1, Chandos Villa, Dundonald Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 46, as shown above, and on the Broadstairs Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, also on his parents' grave at St. Peter in Thanet Churchyard, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

At the time of the 1901 census, the Pantony family was residing at 2, Belmont Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Head of the house was 43 year old Broadstairs native Alfred James Pantony, who was employed as a Livery Yard Foreman. Percy enlisted in the Rifle Brigade as a regular soldier on Thursday 21 May 1908, at which time he stated that he was 18 years and 4 month old, and employed as a Butcher, residing with his parents at 2, Belmont Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Percy was serving at Cork, Ireland in the 3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade at the commencement of the Great War. His battalion embarked on the SS Patriotic and sailed for Holyhead, Anglesey, Wales on Monday 17 August 1914. From Holyhead the battalion travelled by train to Cambridge, having arrived there at 1600 hours on Wednesday 19 August, the battalion camped on Midsummer Common until moving to Newmarket on the last day of the month. On Monday 7 September 1914, the 3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade commanded by 48 year old Second Boer War veteran, Lieutenant-Colonel Reginald Alexander travelled from Newmarket to the port of Southampton, Hampshire, and having served in the United Kingdom for over 6 years, Percy was posted with his battalion for service with the British Expeditionary Force, and sailed from Southampton to St. Nazaire, France, on the SS Lake Michigan the day after leaving Newmarket. Percy's battalion participated in the 'Christmas Truce' of 1914, during which a German juggler entertained both sides. Percy was appointed an (unpaid) Lance Corporal on Thursday 3 May 1917. He was numbered amongst at least 43 other ranks of the 3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade who died on Tuesday 31 July 1917, which had included another 3 natives of Kent. In much the same way that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records contain a not insignificant number of errors, so does another indispensable source of information, it being 'Soldiers Died in the Great War,' which records Percy as having been killed in action on 6 July 1915! Reference was made above that Percy is commemorated on his parents' grave, his father was born in 1858 and died in 1930, his mother was born in 1857 and died in 1921. Lieutenant-Colonel Reginald Alexander was still commanding Percy's battalion when he was wounded on Tuesday 13 October 1914, and having recovered sufficiently he returned to duty on Sunday 22 November 1914, but was then wounded again, and died from wounds on Tuesday 29 December 1914, and is at rest at the Bailleul Communal Cemetery, Nord, France.



**PEYTON, JOHN ALGERNON WYNYARD.** Lieutenant.

7th (Service) Battalion, Norfolk Regiment.

Died Thursday 22 August 1918. Aged 25.

Born Southsea, Hampshire 2 November 1892.

Eldest son of Captain Frank Henry Peyton, R.N. and Janet Wynyard Peyton (née Barker) of The Paddock, Crawley, Sussex.

Husband of Helen Melville Peyton (née Tuke) of "Westcroft," Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Ribemont Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: I. B. 3.

Commemorated in the Gravesham, Kent Borough Council, Book of Remembrance. (Not on the Gravesend, Kent civic war memorial).

John was educated at Rugby School, Warwickshire and Cheltenham College, Gloucestershire, prior to going up to Keeble College, Oxford. He was commissioned from the Officers Training Corps as a Second Lieutenant in the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Norfolk Regiment on Wednesday 19 May 1915, having formerly served as Private, 5455, 19th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment, (2nd Public Schools) in which he enlisted on Boxing Day 1914. John married Miss Helen Melville Tuke, the daughter of Captain F.M. Tuke R.N.R., at Swanscombe, Kent on Tuesday 27 July 1915. He was posted to France on Saturday 22 April 1916, and was wounded on the Somme the following month and evacuated back to England. Having returned to France in January 1917, John was wounded again and returned to England once more, going back to France in April 1918 having been promoted to Lieutenant the previous month. Following John's death, a brother officer wrote "He was a very brave soldier, and I do not think he knew what fear was." At the time of his death, John's parents resided at "East Horndon," Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. He was a brother of Montague Frank Peyton, who is briefly commemorated below.



**PEYTON, MONTAGU FRANK.** Second Lieutenant.

19th (Service) Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, (2nd Tyneside Pioneers).

Died Thursday 12 July 1917. Aged 19.

Born Plymouth, Devon 2 March 1898.

Son of Captain Frank Henry Peyton, R.N. and Janet Wynyard Peyton (née Barker) of The Paddock, Crawley, Sussex.

Buried Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery, Nieuwpoort, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: V. B. 10.

Montague was educated at Oakfield Preparatory School, Rugby, Warwickshire, and Lancing College, Sussex, prior to going to study at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. From Sandhurst, Montague was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Northumberland Fusiliers on Thursday 26 October 1916. Following training at East Boldon, Northumberland, Montague was posted to serve with his regiment in the British Expeditionary Force on Saturday 16 December 1916. He was killed in action at Nieuport (now Nieuwpoort), West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Following Montague's death, his Commanding Officer wrote the following letter of condolence to his parents at "East Horndon," Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. "I can't tell you how sorry I am; he was one of my very best officers and a brother officer: Your son was in my company, and was, I think, my most trusted officer; he was always so keen, and took such a great interest in his work, and could always be relied upon to perform any work given to him. He was greatly liked by the men of his platoon and company, and was one of the most popular officers in the battalion, and in the line proved himself a very gallant officer." A fellow officer also wrote to Montague's parents' which shed some information on how he had lost his life. The company had gone into action on the night of 10 July, and during the action one of the officers was killed and another gassed, which resulted in the officer who wrote the letter, and Montague being the only officers. On the morning of 11 July the informant and Montague had been together, which was after Montague had done good work in reorganising the company line. Having taken the second German line, Montague went to reconnoitre the line, but he had not been gone many minutes when the other officer received the unwelcome news that Montague had been hit. He was a tremendous loss to us all, and to me a loss I will always regret. Montague's servant also wrote the following (abridged) letter of condolence to Captain and Mrs Peyton at Broadstairs. "He was a real gentleman and a very keen soldier. He died a heroes death. A finer officer it would be hard to find."

**PITCHER, ROBERT CHARLES.** Private, G/4979.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died Saturday 12 September 1916.

Born Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Son of Charles Pitcher and Margaret Sarah Pitcher (née Revell).

Buried Carnoy Military Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: B. 3.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial.

At the time of the 1891 census, when Robert was recorded by the enumerator as being aged 1, the Pitcher family resided at 7, Turner Street, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Head of the house was 25 year old Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent native Charles Pitcher, who was employed as a Fisherman. Robert was posted to France on Monday 21 April 1915. Robert's was one of two other ranks deaths suffered by the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) on the day that he died; both were recorded as having died of wounds.



**READER, JAMES HENRY.** Private S/10156.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died Tuesday 23 March 1915.

Born and resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of James Reader and Ellen Reader (née Griffiths) of 1, Hazel Villas, Clarendon Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. Panel 2, as shown above, and on the Broadstairs civic war memorial.

At the time 1901 census, the Reader family resided at 2, Clarendon Road, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Head of the house was 30 year old Broadstairs native James Reader (senior), who was employed as a Cab Driver and Groom. As James (junior) was recorded by the census enumerator as being 6 years old, it would mean that at the time of his death he was 20 years of age. James enlisted in the Army Reserve (Special Reservists), The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) on Monday 20 November 1911, at which time he stated that he was aged 18 years and 1 month old, and employed as a Butcher. Prior to being employed as a Butcher (for 4 months), James had worked for about 3 years as an Errand Boy and in the Warehouse, of Frank G. Carey; Grocer & Tea Dealer of 61, High Street, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. During his time spent serving in the Special Reservists prior to the Great War, James had attended annual training camps in 1912, 1913, and 1914, and was awarded his Army Certificate of Education 3rd Class on Saturday 23 March 1912. On Saturday 8 August 1914, James was mobilized and posted to serve in the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) the following day, and he then remained in the same battalion until he was one of the two other ranks in the battalion who were killed in action on Tuesday 23 March 1915. On Monday 9 November 1914, James had been posted overseas for active service with the British Expeditionary Force.



**SUTTON, CYRIL ERNEST JOHN.** Pioneer, 165903.

3rd Field Survey Company, Royal Engineers.

Died Friday 30 March 1917. Aged 22.

Born Peckham, Surrey. Enlisted Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Isaac Sutton and Jane Elizabeth Sutton (née Wilson).

Buried Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery, Saulty, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: VI. F. 10.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial.

Formerly Private, G/1538, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Cyril was baptised at the parish church of St. Jude, Peckham, Surrey on Sunday 31 March 1895. At the time of Cyril's baptism, the Sutton family resided at 3, Carlton Place, Peckham, Surrey, and his father was employed as a Labourer. By the time that the 1901 census was carried out, the Sutton family resided at Swiss Cottage, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Head of the house was 57 year old Swaffham, Norfolk native Isaac Sutton, who was employed as a Builders Labourer. Five of the Sutton siblings were recorded by the enumerator as being at home on the night of the census, and as 3 year old Margaret M. Sutton was entered as being a native of Broadstairs, although he was a native of Peckham, Surrey, it would be indicative of Cyril having resided in the town for most of his short life. Cyril was posted to France as a Pioneer in the Royal Engineers on Saturday 16 January 1915. Cyril is commemorated by the use of his first Christian name on the war memorial at Holy Trinity church, but on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial, he is commemorated as Pr, C.E.J. SUTTON.

**WALES, FRANK.** As commemorated on the memorial, is probably the following local Isle of Thanet casualty.

**WALES, FRANCIS JOSEPH.** Private, G/9882.

10th (Service) Battalion, Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), (Kent County).

Died Thursday 7 June 1917. Aged 28.

Born Brixton, London. Enlisted and resided Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Husband of Kathleen Mary Wales (née Pollard) of 31, Bloomsbury Road, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Voormezele Enclosure No.3, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: XIII. E. 5.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs civic war memorial as Pte F. WALES.

Francis married Miss Kathleen Mary Pollard at the parish church of Holy Trinity, Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent on Monday 8 April 1912. He enlisted in the army 'For the Duration of the War' on Friday 3 September 1915. At the time of enlisting, Francis stated that he was 27 years and 9 months old, employed as a Plumber, and that he resided with his wife and two children at 4, Albert Street, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Following his death, Francis was initially posted as 'Missing,' but later the Army Council made the decision that for official purposes, it was to be assumed that he had died on or after Thursday 7 June 1917. Francis was numbered amongst the 33 other ranks in his battalion who died on Thursday 7 June 1917.

**WALSH, FRANCIS JOHN HENRY.** Private, 49209.

“D” Company, 2nd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment.

Died Friday 21 June 1918. Aged 19.

Born Chichester, Sussex. Enlisted Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Francis Walsh and Harriett Walsh (née Skinner) of Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

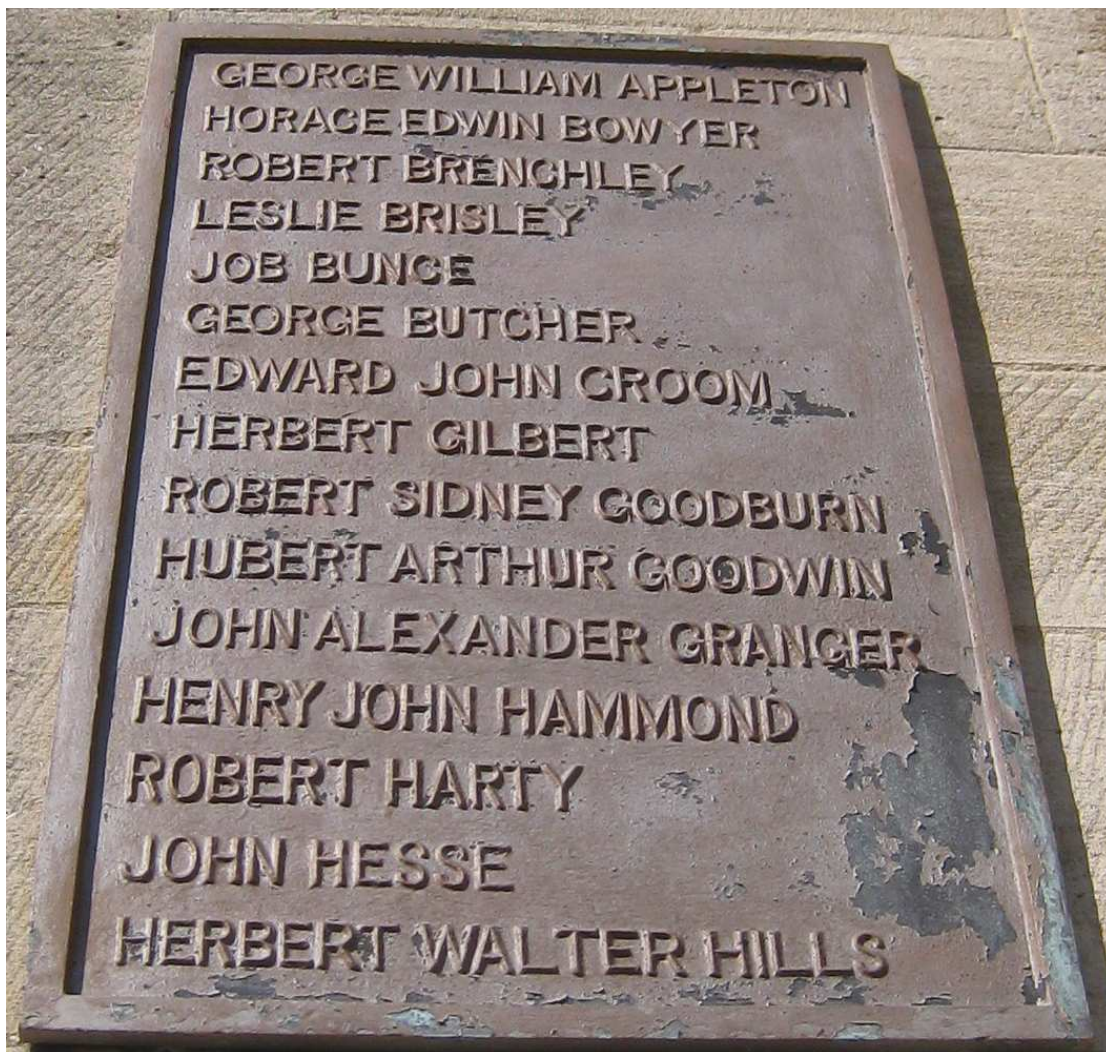
Grave Ref: VI. G. 3.

Commemorated on the Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent civic war memorial.

At the time of the 1901 census, Francis (junior) was residing with his 27 year old mother; Canterbury, Kent native Harriett Walsh at 7, Union Street, Canterbury, Kent. Harriett was recorded by the census enumerator as being the head of the house, and married (as opposed to a widow). On the night of 20/21 June 1918, the 2nd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment, relieved the 7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), and a platoon of the 7th (Service) Battalion, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment). During the relief, 3 other ranks serving in the battalion including Francis were killed, and 2 other ranks were wounded, one of whom died later the same day.



CENTRAL PANEL BELOW THE CRUCIFIX



LEFT HAND COMMEMORATION PANEL





RIGHT HAND COMMEMORATION PANEL