

WALTER WAUDBY

Service Number SS/42

Birth Date about 1883.

Death Date 22 Sep 1914

Cemetery Chatham Naval Memorial

Father - William Waudby

Mother - Harriet Waudby

Able Seaman Walter Waudby was a Highgate man serving on HMS Hogue and one of a band of Lynn men killed in a triple cruiser disaster. He left a widow Maud Elize and four children.

They lived at 2, Long Row, Highgate, King's Lynn.



GREGORY SHIPP

Regiment Coldstream Guards

Rank and Service Number Lance Corporal no. 8338

Birth Date 1889

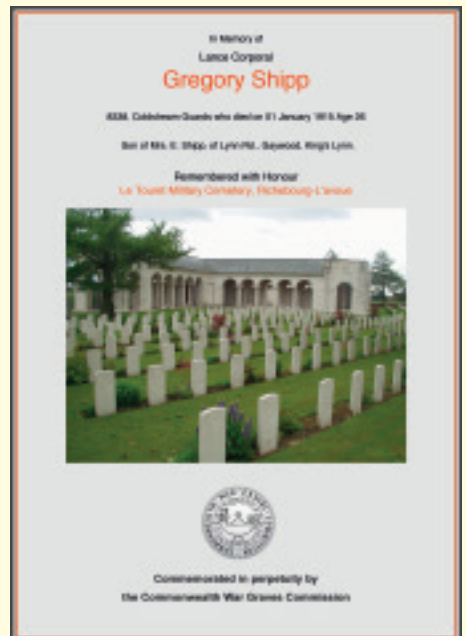
Death Date 1 Jan 1915

Cemetery Le Touret Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais

Mother - Mrs E. Shipp Lynn Road Gaywood

Lance Corporal Shipp was with his regiment at the start of the War at the Battle of Mons, he was wounded in the arm by shrapnel at St. Simion and invalided home.

On 27th December he wrote from France to say that he was well but was subsequently killed in action on 1st January 1915.



HERBERT FAKE

Regiment 3rd Battalion Essex Regiment

Rank and Service Number Private no. 20659

Birth Date about 1893

Death Date 13 Aug 1915

Cemetery Helles Memorial Register Part XII Turkey

Mother - Mrs Elizabeth Fake 19, Eastgate Street King's Lynn

Private Fake was lost at sea on the transport ship the Royal Edward on 13th August 1915. The ship was sunk by a German U-boat in the Aegean Sea. He had been transferred to the Essex Regiment from the 3rd Norfolk Regiment.

He was a familiar face to local people as a member of the King's Lynn Salvation Army Band.



GEORGE HUMPHREY

Regiment 9th Battalion King's (Shropshire Light Infantry)

Rank and Service Number Private no. 22306

Birth Date about 1897

Death Date 14 Mar 1916

Cemetery Hardwick Road Cemetery King's Lynn

Father - Herbert Humphrey

Mother - Martha Humphrey

Before enlisting he had been a gamekeeper in Shropshire and before that a keeper for Captain R.L.Bagge at Gaywood Hall.

He was the only son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Humphrey of 16, Garden Row Highgate King's Lynn.



SIDNEY GUNNS

Regiment 7th Battalion Norfolk

Rank and Service No. Private no. 14741

Birth Date 1895

Death Date 3 Jul 1916

Cemetery Thiepval Memorial France

Father - Charles Gunns

Mother - Susan Gunns

Private Gunns was killed in action on 3rd July 1916. His body was blown to pieces and only a Bible and photograph was found.

He had five brothers in the Army and his brother-in-law, Sergeant Major Burnett was killed in action in 1915. He had formerly worked at Johnson's Motors.



HARRY COBB

Regiment 2/6th Battalion (Territorials) Gloucester

Rank and Service No. Private no. 5993

Birth Date about 1894

Death Date 30 Jul 1916

Cemetery Thiepveal Memorial France

Father - Henry William Cobb

Mother - Kerrenhappuck Cobb



Private Cobb enlisted in the 6th Norfolk Regiment in October 1914. His parents received a letter from France notifying them that he had been wounded but then a second letter arrived to say that he had died of wounds to the buttocks and leg on 30th July. His parents received an illuminated card from the Gloucestershire Territorial Forces Association which stated ‘ The Territorial Forces Association of Gloucestershire desires to express the warmest sympathy with you in the loss of your gallant son who gave his life for his country on active service on 30th July 1916.

England today perhaps at more than any other time in her glorious history expects every man to do his duty. It must be some consolation to you to feel that in making the ultimate sacrifice your son justified to the supreme point his country’s trust in her sons.’

Reverend H.S. Radcliffe conducted the memorial service at St Faith’s. Harry’s sister, Gladys died in 1919.



HENRY WILFRED WHITTLEY

Regiment 1st Battalion Norfolk
Rank and Service no. Corporal 43413
Birth Date 1895
Death Date 9 Sep 1916

Cemetery Etaples Military France

Father - Henry Whittley
Mother - Agnes Whittley

Corporal Whittley's parents lived at Chapel House Gaywood Road and received the following series of letters and postcards about their son.

5th September Chaplain 'I regret to inform you that Cpl Whittley has been wounded in the neck. He is going on nicely and will write to you shortly.'

7th September Whittley 'Just to let you know that I'm getting on all right. I suppose you got the postcard that was sent on Tuesday. My wounds are not very bad. I suppose the chaplain that wrote to you told what wounds I got.'

8th September Sgt. Pollard to Miss Whittley (sister) 'I'm sorry to say your brother was wounded on the 4th September. No doubt you have heard from him. I cannot say if the wounds are serious or not.'

8th September 1st Nurse. Card received stating that Cpl Whittley had been wounded in the shoulder and hand.

9th September. 2nd Nurse. 'Dear Mrs Whittley your son was admitted to this hospital on 6th September wounded in the neck and thigh. The x-ray report showed that the shrapnel which entered at the hip lodged in the abdomen. On the 9th September he suddenly became much worse and anything that was done for him was done but it was no use and he passed away.'

12th September. Letter from the War Office. "To inform you that your son died of wounds to the shoulder and buttock on the 9th September 1916."

He had been in France for 2 months and was aged 28.



THOMAS GEORGE ROSE

Regiment 9th battalion Norfolk

Rank Sergeant

Birth Date 1881

Death Date 12 Oct 1916

Cemetery Thiepval Memorial France

Wife - Elizabeth Fakenbridge



FREDERICK WILLIAM GEORGE HARRISON

Regiment 9th Battalion Norfolk

Rank and Service No. Private no. 40222

Birth Date 1894

Death Date 21 Oct 1916

Cemetery Grove Town Cemetery Meaulte France

Father - Frederick Harrison

Mother - Elizabeth Harrison

Private Harrison's family lived at 12, Tower Street King's Lynn and he was sent to France at the outbreak of war. On 10th September he took part in operations on the Somme and was severely wounded in the head. He died of his wounds on 21st October, never having regained consciousness.



WILLIAM CRISP

**Regiment 2/4 Battalion Norfolk attached to
Northumberland Fusiliers**

Rank and Service No. Private no. 214785.

Death Date 14 Nov 1916

Cemetery Thiepval Memorial France

Private Crisp signed on 10th May 1916 and was sent to the Western Front in September 1916.

Two months later his relatives were informed that he was reported wounded and missing.



EDWARD GAMBLE

Regiment 2nd Battalion Norfolk

Rank and Service No. Private no.73339

Birth Date 1889

Death Date 10 Feb 1917

Cemetery Haida Pasha Turkey

Father - Henry Gamble

Mother - Emma Gamble

Private Gamble was taken prisoner with General Townsend and held in Turkey. He died at Izmet on 10th February 1917.

Private F. Russell, a prisoner of war, wrote

‘With deep regret I write to inform you that your dear beloved son Edward passed away peacefully on 10 Feb 1917.

He had been suffering from Dysentery for some time.

He is buried in the cemetery at Izmit. Myself and my comrades join with you our deepest regrets at the loss of your loving son Edward. I have taken the liberty to write to you as I have soldiered with him this last ten years.’

A letter from the War Office stated ‘No official report of Private Gamble’s death has yet been received but it is feared there was no reason to doubt the accuracy of Pvte Russell’s information and it has therefore been accepted for official purposes.’



WILLIAM CHARLES BUNFIELD

Regiment Royal Engineers Railway Operating Division

Rank and Service No. Sapper no. 229779

Birth Date 1879

Death Date 27th Feb 1917

Cemetery Sait Sever Extension Rouen France

Father - Charles Bunfield

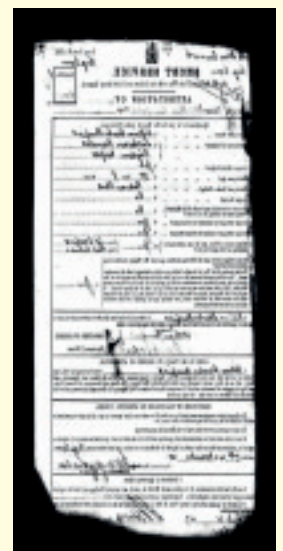
Mother - Martha Bunfield

Private Bunfield enlisted on 23 rd January 1917 and left port with draft on 17th February. He landed on the 19th February and was hospitalised on 26th February where he died of spotted fever, aged 38. He had worked as an accounts clerk at the Great Eastern Railway office on King's Lynn docks for 24 years and was a member of both the King's Lynn Angling Association and the Ancient Order of Forresters. He attested under the Derby Scheme.

The Derby Scheme

The Derby Scheme was proposed by Lord Derby as an attempt to increase recruitment and avoid the need for conscription by allowing men to voluntarily attest for service at a later date. Men attested would be paid one day's wages, placed in the Class B army reserve and released to civilian life until needed by the military.

The scheme was originally intended to run from 16th October 1915 to 30 November 1915 but was later extended to midnight on 11/12 December 1915. So many men tried to register that medical examinations were forgone and the process of attestation extended to 15 December 1915. Khaki armbands were issued and permission was given for these men to voluntarily enlist if they wished to do so at a later date.



SIDNEY HERBERT ENGLISH

Regiment 1/5 Battalion (T.F.) Norfolk

Rank and Service No. Private no. 240451

Birth Date 1892

Death Date 19 April 1917

Cemetery Jerusalem Memorial Part One A-L

Father - Richard Herbert English

Mother - Agnes English

Private English was reported missing on 19th April on 11th May 1917. His brother, Percy, was killed during the 1st Battle of Gaza and another brother, Ernest, was gassed.



ROBERT HENRY NEALE

Regiment 11th Battalion Essex

Rank and Service Number Private 33147

Birth Date 1882

Death Date 5 April 1917

Cemetery Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir France

Private Neale died of wounds to the eye and leg, caused by shrapnel. Formerly he worked for the Great Eastern Railway.



LESLIE CLAUDE BURN

Regiment 1st Battalion (T.F.) Norfolk

Rank and Service Number Sergeant no. 240442

Birth Date 1892

Death Date 19 April 1917

Cemetery Gaza War Cemetery

Father - John Claud Burn

Mother - Lily Burn

Sergeant Burns is related to Burns nurserymen.

Probate was granted to his father and mother of Cam Villa Gaywood on 18th October 1917. He left them £838.15s



ROBERT WILLIAM HALL

Regiment 1/5 Battalion Norfolk

Rank and Service Number Private 240850

Birth Date 1898

Death Date 19 April 1917

Cemetery Jerusalem Memorial

Private Hall was killed in action during the Battle of Gaza.

He had been in Egypt and Palestine for 15 months.

He had formerly worked for Mr Yates, the butcher.



ERNEST EDGAR CAUSTON

Regiment 5th Battalion Norfolk

Rank and Service Number Private no.24960

Birth Date 1896

Death Date 20 April 1917

Cemetery Deir El-Belah Gaza Strip

Father - Alfred Causton

Mother - Alice Causton

Private Causton had been a gas fitter and also worked for Lynn Chemical Company before enlisting. His parents received two letters on the same day, one to say he was ok, the other to say that he had died of wounds received when serving in Egypt.



PERCY HENDRY

Regiment 7th Battalion Suffolk

Rank and Service Number Private 40674

Birth Date 1891

Death Date 28 April 1917

Cemetery Faubourg-d'Amiens Arras France

Father - George Hendry

Mother - Mary Ann Hendry

Home address 1, Archdale Street King's Lynn



PRIVATE JOHN CLARKE

Region meant 6th Battalion Leicester

Rank and Service Number Private no.15289

Birth Date 1884

Death Date 3 May 1917

Cemetery Arras Memorial

Father John Clarke

Mother Jane

For details of Private Clarke's experiences and awards during the war please see the blue folder on the table.



WALTER RAYES GAMBLE M.C.

**Regiment 9th Battalion Alexandra Princess
of Wales's Own (Yorkshire)**

Rank and Service Number Captain (T)

Birth Date 1891

Death Date 12 June 1917

Cemetery Lijssenthoek Poperinge Belgium

Father - Alfred Ezra Gamble

Mother - Emily Elizabeth Gamble

Captain Gamble enlisted as a private before the war began and was in France from the very beginning. On 10th July 1916 he led an assault on Contalmaison for which he was awarded the Military Cross.

He was later mentioned in Haigh's dispatches and at the age of 19 was promoted to captain. He died of wounds to the chest. Home address was Rosebery Avenue.



JACK NOEL LESTER

Regiment 132nd Field Ambulance

Royal Army Medical Corps

Rank and Service Number A/LCorporal no. 65776

Birth Date 1897

Death Date 6 July 1917

Cemetery Lijssenthoek Poperinge Belgium

Father - Robert Lester

Mother - Frances Emma Lester

Jack Lester had previously worked as a clerk for Steward and Patterson's. He joined up age 18 on 18 September 1915 and was wounded in the abdomen by shrapnel while working at an advanced dressing station on 4th July 1917.

He died two days later.



ARTHUR RAVEN

Regiment 1st Battalion Cambridgeshire

Rank and Service Number Private no. 328141

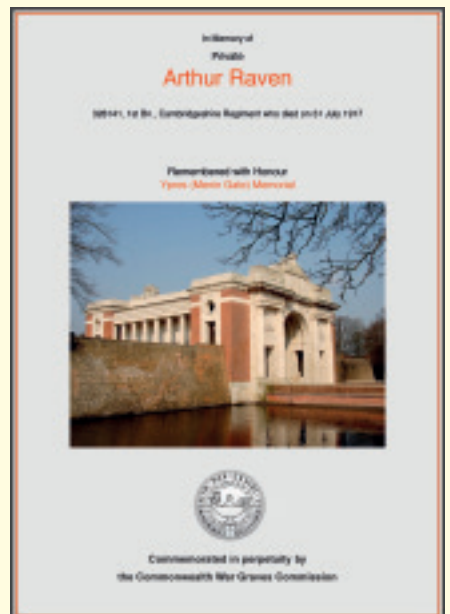
Birth Date 1876

Death Date 31 July 1917

Cemetery Menin Gate Ypres

Wife - Martha Raven

Private Raven lived in the Church Cottages Gaywood. He enlisted on 16th June 1916 and went to France on 11th October 1916. He was posted missing on 31st July 1917.



ERNEST CHARLES QUINSEE

Regiment 7th Battalion Norfolk

Rank and Service Number Private no. 40701

Birth Date 1890

Death Date 20 July 1917

Cemetery Monchy British Monchy le Preux France

Father - Thomas Charles Quinsee

Mother - late Catherine Quinsee

Private Quinsee was killed as he was taking rations to his comrades. A shell landed on a communication trench and he was killed instantly by the concussion although there were no marks on his body. He had joined the Norfolk Yeomanry in November 1915 before being transferred to the infantry and sent to the Western Front in November 1916.

He had formerly been employed by the London Tailoring Company in the High Street King's Lynn.



HERBERT SETCHELL

Regiment 1st Battalion Norfolk

Rank and Service Number Private no. 29477

Birth Date 1893

Death Date 5 October 1917

Cemetery Tyne Cot Belgium

Father - Henry Setchell

Mother - Mary Ann Setchell

Private Setchell enlisted in the Norfolk Regiment in February 1916. A letter was received from the CQMS to say that he had been killed by an exploding shell on 9th October 1917.

He had worked for Turner's Hairdressers in Norfolk Street King's Lynn and Reverend H.S. Radcliffe conducted his memorial Service



WILLIAM AVIS

Regiment 11th Battalion Essex

Rank and Service Number Private no. 41345

Birth Date 1897

Death Date 31 August 1917

Cemetery St Patrick's Cemetery Loos France

Father - Robert Benjamin Avis

Mother - Harriet Avis

Private Avis's parents were informed in a letter from 2nd Lieutenant R Barker that their son had died of wounds to the head on 31st August 1917. Private Avis had been in France for 12 months and was buried with full military honours.

His parents kept the Ship Inn in Gaywood.



JOHN HENRY WITT

Service Royal Naval Reserve HM Trawler Ruby

Rank Deckhand

Birth Date 1894

Death Date 17 October 1917

Cemetery Chatham Memorial

Mother - Maria Witt

Seaman Witt joined the Royal Navy in 1915, having been a fisherman, and he was killed when two Royal Navy destroyers were escorting 12 Scandinavian merchant ships between Shetland and Norway when they were attacked by two fast heavily armed German ships.

Two destroyers and 9 of the merchant ships were sunk.
The Navy lost 135 men.



REGINALD COOPER

Regiment 8th Battalion Norfolk

Rank and Service Number Lance Corporal no.20372

Birth Date 1893

Death Date 28 October 1917

Cemetery Etaples France

Wife - Elizabeth Cooper

Reginald, a hairdresser in Wisbech Road, enlisted in June 1916. In France for eighteen months he died in a casualty clearing station.

His wife was the daughter of the publican at the Ship Inn - see William Avis.



SAMUEL BELL

Regiment 28th (County of London) Battalion Artists Rifles

Rank and Service Number Lance Corporal no. 761213

Birth Date 1884

Death Date 30 October 1917

Cemetery Tyne Cot Belgium

Wife - Elizabeth Cooper

Private Bell was accepted in the exclusive Artists Rifles, a unit for potential officers and it's believed he went to France in October 1914. By summer 1917 his battalion moved to the Ypres sector to join the 63rd division for the 3rd Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele). The battle began on 31st July and the weather was showery. By the autumn the legendary mud was at its worst. Private Bell was sent into the attack on 30th October and from the start progress was impossible on the boggy ground. The men were soon up to their knees in mud and unable to keep up with the covering barrage, thus caught in the open by the German guns. At 7.30am on October 31st the battalion was withdrawn having lost 335 men. Samuel is thought to have been killed in the initial stages of the attack. He has no known grave.



FREDERICK WILLIAM STEBBINGS

Regiment 2nd Aircraft Depot Royal Flying Corps
Rank and Service Number Acting Corporal no. 1785
Date of Death 20 November 1917

Cemetery Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension 1
Father - William Stebbings

Cpl Stebbings formerly worked for Mr Williamson the shoemaker in Littleport Street. He died of pneumonia at the No.3 Canadian Stationary Hospital.



FRANK THORINGTON

Regiment Northumberland Fusiliers

Rank and Service Number Private no.44614

Birth Date 1895

Death Date 26 October 1917

Cemetery Tyne Cot Memorial Belgium.

Father - Frank Thorington

Mother - Emma Ann Thorington

There is a confusion over death date. Some records give it as 11th May 1917. His four brothers were all wounded in the war.



JOHN MIDDLEGE

Regiment Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)

Rank and Service Number Private no. 68549

Death Date 30 November 1917

Cemetery Cambrai Memorial France

Private Middlege had gone to the Western Front in September 1917 for the allied offensive. He was seen to fall during an enemy attack on the British trenches on 30 th November 1917.

His body was never found and he was posted missing on 30th November 1917.



HEWSON CORNELIUS FENDLEY

Regiment 7th Battalion Norfolk

Rank and Service Number Private no. 12461

Birth Date 1887

Death Date 30 November 1917

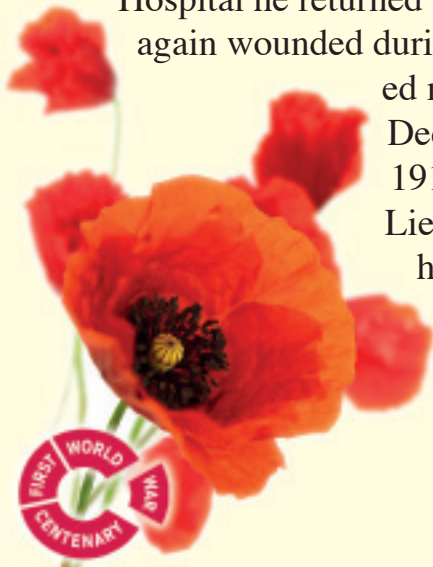
Cemetery Cambrai Memorial Louveral

Father - Frederick Fendley

Mother - Mathilda Fendley

Private Fendley enlisted a month before the outbreak of war and he was sent to the Western Front in April 1915. After being involved in heavy fighting as a Lewis gun operator he was badly wounded on 6th October 1915 by a shell explosion which broke his leg above the knee, fractured a shoulder blade and injured an ear. After treatment in the Warrington

Hospital he returned to the front in 1916 where he was again wounded during the Battle of Cambrai. He was posted missing between 20 November and 7 December 1917 and finally in September 1918 his death was officially presumed. Lieutenant Colonel Gielgud whose servant he was also died on 30 November in the same action.



WALTER RAVEN

Regiment 9th Battalion Norfolk

Rank and Service Number Private no. 40241

Birth Date 1896

Death Date 21 March 1918

Cemetery Arras Memorial

Father - Alfred Raven

Mother - Louisa Barrett



HORATIO G NICHOLLS

Regiment 1st Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers

Rank Private

Death Date 27 March 1918

Before the war Private Nicholls worked for Bristow and Copley Timber Merchants and had been a choirboy at St Nicholas's Chapel.

He enlisted during September 1916 in the AOC and was transferred to the Irish Fusiliers in 1917. He was posted missing, presumed killed in action by the German offensive in Picardy on 27th March.



HENRY SPARROW

Regiment 27th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers

Rank and Service Number Private no. 47847

Birth Date 1897

Death Date 27 March 1918

Cemetery Heath Cemetery Harbonieres France

Father - Frederick Charles Sparrow

Mother - Belinda Sparrow



JOHN WILLIAM YOUNGS

Regiment 151st Battalion Machine Gun Corps South Staffordshire

Rank Lieutenant

Birth Date 1898

Death Date 12 April 1918

Cemetery La Kreule Hazebrouk

Father - John Holland Youngs

Mother - Sarah Ann Youngs

Lt. Youngs arrived in France 9th May 1917 and saw extensive action on the Somme where he was hit by a sniper's bullet which broke his left arm near the shoulder resulting in his having to have some muscle removed. He was finally passed fit again in April 1917 and returned to France on 29th June 1917 when he was posted to the 151st Machine Gun Company. After joining them at Mercatel, he was back on the front line on 28th October 1917 in an attack to capture the village of Passchendaele.

On 1st April 1918 he was back in the Somme Sector, East of Melville and 9 days later his company was rushed to Eastaires to fight a rear guard action as the Germans broke through and the British were forced back to the outskirts of Melville where they engaged in hand to hand combat. Here he was wounded in the side and taken to the casualty clearing station at Hazebrouk where he died on April 12th 1918.

His personal effects including gold rimmed spectacles, a monocle and pipe were sent home on 7th May.



ANTHONY WILLIAM HAMSON

Regiment Corps of Royal Engineers

Rank and Service Number Sapper no. 85508

Birth Date 1890

Death Date 21 May 1918

Cemetery Houchin British

Father - Joseph Hamson

Mother - Emily Wardle Dixon Hamson

Sapper Hamson had played for King's Lynn Football Club and won a number of swimming awards before he enlisted in May 1915. He went to France with 422 Engineering Company and was involved in the later stages of the Battle of the Somme at Guillemont, Ginchy, Flers and Morval. In 1917 he took part in the 3rd Battle of Ypres and the Battle of Cambrai before returning to the Bethune sector. On 18th April the company were thrown back into the line and over the next six days fought a retreat along the La Basse canal, losing 50% of their men. After a period out of the line the company returned to the front near Le Preol on the canal east of Bethune. On 21st May they sustained several casualties and walking back to their billets at the end of the day Anthony was hit by a fragment of a stray shell and was killed instantly.



GEORGR BENEFER

Regiment 1st 5th Battalion (T.F.) Norfolk

Rank and Service no. Lance Corporal no. 240886

Birth Date 1883

Death Date 14 July 1918

Cemetery Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery Part 1

Father - George Benefer

Mother - Alice Maud Benefer

Private Benefer was a well known local footballer for King's Lynn Football Club



GEORGE HERBERT DAWSON

Regiment 10th Battalion Essex

Rank and Service Number Private no. 14889

Birth Date 1895

Death Date 8 August 1918

Cemetery Vis-en-Artois Memorial

Father - Robert Dawson

Mother - Alice Dawson

Private Dawson was formerly employed as a scenic artist by Messrs. G.M. Bridges and Son of King's Lynn. He enlisted at the outbreak of war and was wounded three times before being killed in action on 8th August 1918.



HUBERT ALFRED JOHN KEMP

Regiment Essex

Rank and Service Number Private no. 41559

Birth Date 1888

Death Date 23rd August 1918

Cemetery Vis-en Artois Memorial

Father - Alfred Kemp

Mother - Maria Utting

Private Kemp worked in the M&GN Railway offices in Austin Street, King's Lynn



HORACE SIDNEY WATTS

Regiment Queen's (Royal West Surrey)

Rank and Service Number Private no. G/70151

Birth Date 1899

Death Date & September 1918

Cemetery Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension

Father - Arthur Charles Watts

Mother - Eleanor Watts



ABEL LEGGETT

Regiment 7th Battalion Norfolk

Rank and Service Number Lance Corporal 14909

Birth Date 1887

Death Date 19 September 1918

Cemetery Ephehy Farm Cemetery Ephehy

Step Sister - Jane Roper

Lance Corporal Leggett was a well known local footballer and a dock labourer before he enlisted.

He served on the Western Front for more than 3 years before being killed in the bitter fighting which followed the breaking of the Hindenburg Line in 1918.



ALBERT VICTOR WARD

Regiment10 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex

Rank and Service Number Private G/11964

Birth Date 1897

Death Date 19 September 1918

Cemetery Brie British

Mother - Susan Ward

Private Ward died of wounds to the abdomen at 3.20am on 19th September 1918 after being cared for by a British sister in a British hospital.



GEORGE FREDERICK CREEK

Regiment 9th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London)

Rank and Service Number Private no. 79104

Birth Date 1890

Death Date 21 September 1918

Cemetery Epehy Wood Farm Epehy France

Mother - Lizzie Creek

Killed during allied advance in Picardy



JESSE JAMES HOLMAN

Regiment Queen's Own (Royal West Kent)

Rank and Service Number Private no,G/21551

Birth Date 1891

Death Date 27 September 1918

Cemetery Gouzeaucourt New British France

Father - James Holman

Mother - Anes Holman

Private Holman was formerly a clerk for Steward and Patterson and had been injured by shrapnel in the jaw before his death.



DAVID JAMES KENDAL BANHAM

Regiment1/8 Battalion Manchester

Rank and Service Number Private no. 60170

Birth Date 1899

Death Date 8 November 1918

Cemetery Caudry France

Mother - Mrs M.J.Banham

Private Banham's parents received a letter from the hospital matron on 7th November to say that he was severely wounded but he died peacefully the following day from wounds to the abdomen and thigh.



EDWARD EMMERSON BALLS

Regiment Lancashire Fusiliers

Rank and Service Number Private no. 47866

Birth Date 1898

Death Date 1 October 1918

Cemetery Niederzwehren Germany

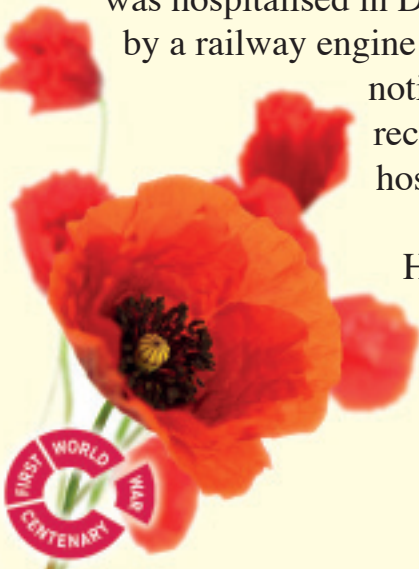
Father - Walter Balls

Mother - Alice Balls

Private Balls enlisted in February 1917. On 7th June 1918 he was officially posted as missing since 25th April but on 21st June his parents received a postcard to say that he had been captured at Kemmel Hill near Ypres and was now a prisoner of war.

He was sent to work behind enemy lines at Friedrichsfeld but was hospitalised in Darmstadt after he was knocked down by a railway engine and his foot was crushed. An official notice from the Geneva Red Cross was received to say that he had died in the hospital of heart failure.

He was a former member of St Faith's Choir and his memorial service was conducted by Reverend H.S. Radcliffe. 1919



GLADYS HELEN COBB

**Regiment Queen Mary's Auxillary Corps
attached to Royal Engineers (Richborough)
Rank and Service Number Worker no. 45491
Birth Date 1896
Death Date 12 February 1919**

Cemetery King's Lynn (Gaywood)

Father - Henry William Cobb

Mother - Kerrenhappuck Cobb

Gladys was stationed at Sandwich where she worked as a telephone operator. She had been ill for some time and died of influenza. Her body was returned to King's Lynn station and her coffin draped with a Union Jack. It was taken to St Faith's on a gun carriage drawn by four horses and followed by a detachment of the Essex Regiment. The service was conducted by the Reverend H.S. Radcliffe and three volleys sounded over the graveside in the churchyard. The Last Post was sounded.

Her brothers Staff Sergeant William Cobb and Private Charles Cobb attended the funeral. Another brother, Harry, had died earlier in the war.



JOHN GEORGE GILES

Regiment 2nd Air Mechanic RAF

Rank Air mechanic

Birth Date 1897

Death Date 17 march 1919

Cemetery not known

Father - Walter Giles

Mother - Eva Giles

Before the war he was an apprentice at Dodman's Ironworks Highgate. He died of bronchial pneumonia at the 14th Stationary Hospital in Wimereux.

