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Manuden War Memorial Renovation
and
Genealogical Project

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Introduction

We knew that our World War One Memorial in Manuden Churchyard was in need of some attention, so when Heritage Lottery Fund began offering to fund such projects in the run up to the Commemoration of the end of World War One in 2018 we decided to apply for funding. I say we, because Manuden and Berden History Society had already spoken to Manuden Parish Council to see if they would be interested in combining forces with us.

Berden Village also agreed to become involved. They had already renovated their War Memorial in the Berden Village Churchyard a few years before, but wanted to join us in the Commemoration events. Manuden Parish Council agreed to join the project as well and so we then made a joint application from both Manuden and Berden History Society and Manuden Parish Council to apply for funding to renovate Manuden War Memorial, and other events associated with it.

We then proceeded to obtain estimates for the restoration and renovation of our War Memorial in the churchyard including the removal of a non-native tree obscuring the memorial including removal of the stump. The memorial required cleaning and re-lettering.

We had to apply for a Faculty to do this work as the memorial is situated in Manuden Churchyard. We completed all the required paperwork in order to receive the Faculty, and then displayed the necessary permission on the Church door and Noticeboard.

We also obtained the required permission from the Landscape Officer at Uttlesford District Council regarding the removal of the Lawson Cypress tree obscuring the War Memorial.

The War Memorial was Cleaned and Re-lettered and Adamson Conservation Ltd of Corringham, Essex paid on 16 October, 1917.

The Lawson Cypress was felled and ground levelled. The stump was then ground out and grass re-seeded. Treetops of Saffron Walden paid 13 February 2018.

Manuden War Memorial was re-dedicated on Sunday 30 September 2018 by The Reverend Paddy Cable at 3 pm. All the public were invited to attend. The six bell-ringers from Manuden Village Ringers group, rang a peel for us before the service. Organist Maureen Hilson from Manuden, played the hymn for the beginning of the service, before everyone moved outside. About forty people attended the short service outside at the Memorial. Tea and Cakes were available in the Church after the Service. Manuden Ladies Guild had decorated the interior of the church with

many beautiful floral arrangements. A small exhibition of three boards were displayed in the church at this service showing the details of the soldiers on the War Memorial.

We had advised members of the public in our villages of our intention to carry out this work on the War Memorial, and to see how we could involve them in the various other events we intended to set in motion.

To do this we first contacted all the organisations within the village of Manuden to see if they wished to be involved in some way with these proposed events.

We had previously researched the details of the men recorded on our War Memorial, but for this project we particularly wanted to involve the local community in learning to research their own Ancestors, and to exhibit the details of these relatives in an exhibition we planned to stage on 11 November 2018 to commemorate the ending of World War One.

We achieved this by contacting the Essex Record Office in Chelmsford and booking two specialists in Military Genealogy to present a Workshop in Manuden Community Centre, on how local villagers could research their ancestor soldiers.

We advertised this widely by producing a banner to display on the Village Community Centre fence outside the building, and by giving details in the Village Magazine as well as a mail drop to residents.

A date was set for 12 October 2017 and the Atkinson Room in Manuden Community Centre was booked. Hannah Salisbury and Sarah Ensor would teach our students. Following this event we then booked several other genealogists to cover different aspects of genealogy.

The next event was on 16 November 2017 when Robert Pike an expert on Military Matters relating to World War One gave a presentation on finding the location of WW1 soldiers buried and commemorated. Robert is a local expert on this subject and has written several books about this topic. The meeting was well attended by enthusiastic members. This meeting was held in our usual History Barn in the village. As was the following meeting.

On 19 April 2018 Genealogist Janice Sharpe, Chair of North West Branch of the Essex Society for Family History, visited Manuden and gave further help to villagers still searching for their family members.

During this time we had been contacting the various organisations within the village to obtain their support for our project.

We received support from Manuden Village Primary School Head Teacher, and also from Manuden Women's Institute. The Manuden Singers had agreed to put on a concert, but unfortunately due to the ill health and hospitalisation of the Conductor this had to be abandoned. The Friendship Club (elderly residents) also indicated their intention to support us for the re-dedication. The Parish Council were already supporting us a great deal as John Archer, a member of the Parish Council, was instrumental in helping the History Society to set up the various events, and continued to support and help us throughout the whole project.

Manuden Parish Council also agreed to provide future maintenance to the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard, Manuden. This was minuted at a Parish Council meeting held on 3 December 2015.

Following these events to help villagers to find and record their World War One ancestors, we began to receive information from them, and to start our collection of soldiers of those who presently live in the village.

As the project progressed, we began to receive more and more information from villagers – in fact right up to the date of our exhibition on 11 November 2018.

During this time we had one or two other ideas to involve the public. One was to arrange to present a talk on the Emancipation of Women, and related issues, for Women's Institute Members as they wanted to support our programme.

Another was to have a screening of the Film War Horse in our Community Centre with a pre-film talk by Matt Burgess who had appeared in the London Stage Play of War Horse. This seemed particularly apt as we had noticed that a very large proportion of the soldiers we were researching were either in the cavalry, or had some connection with horses. Of course there was little alternative to the use of animals in this inhospitable terrain and with little motorised transport available at that time.

During our research into the use of horses in World War One, we were fortunate enough to be given access to a complete set of French Posters of World War One events involving horses, and soldiers from the French colonies. This gave a completely new dimension to World War One. Not only was it a confirmation of the use of horses by other nations, but it opened up a new aspect on the War, showing that other countries were using soldiers from their far-flung colonies just as we were using Canadian and Australian soldiers. One member of our community had three Australian relatives killed in the War. These relatives had emigrated to Australia to find a new life, and returned to England to enlist, never to return to their new homeland.

Now that the work on the Memorial had been completed, we could concentrate on other events.

For the W.I. event we contacted Dr Viv Newman an author and specialist in Emancipation and Women in World War One.

Vivien agreed to talk to Manuden Women's Institute on Wednesday 14 November 2018 at 7.30 pm in Manuden Community Centre, and gave a very interesting, and well received talk with illustrations and musical accompaniment. Attached is a copy of the WI report on the event.

Our main event of this Centenary Year was of course our World War One Exhibition in the Community Centre. We had set up the night before on 10 November 2018, and then opened at 11.30 on 11 November 2018 to allow time for villagers to attend Church Services beforehand and closed at 6.30 pm.

This exhibition was extremely well supported and we received many compliments on our presentation and content. We asked villagers to sign in and we can see from this that visitors to the exhibition amounted to over one hundred signatures, although many more did not sign in at all, and many brought children with them that are not recorded.

We had used, not only all the information on our soldiers on Manuden War Memorial, and those on Berden Memorial, but also all the information we had received from present villagers about their family relatives in World War One.

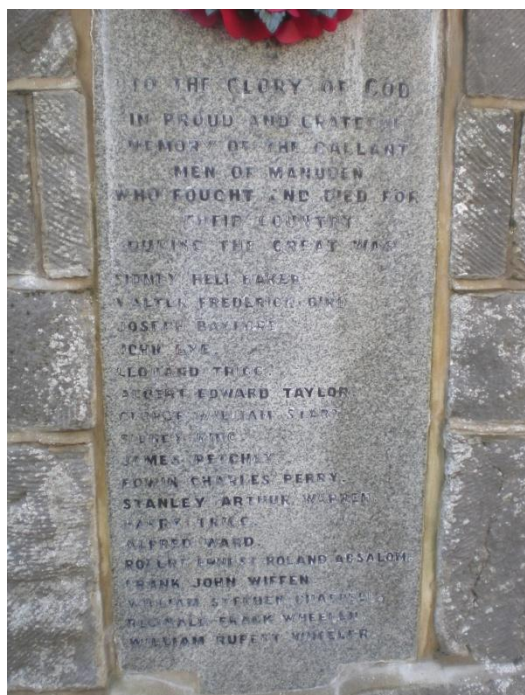
The Screening of War Horse took place on Saturday 24 November in Manuden Community Centre with a pre-film talk by Matt Burgess, an actor in the London Stage Play of the original War Horse production. The event was extremely well attended and Matt's introduction gave a startling insight into the hard work of the actors involved inside the full-size puppet horses in the production including having to reproduce the noises made by the horse.

This concluded all our events for the project. We wrote a note published in the Village Magazine, and online, to thank everyone who had contributed in any way to our events.

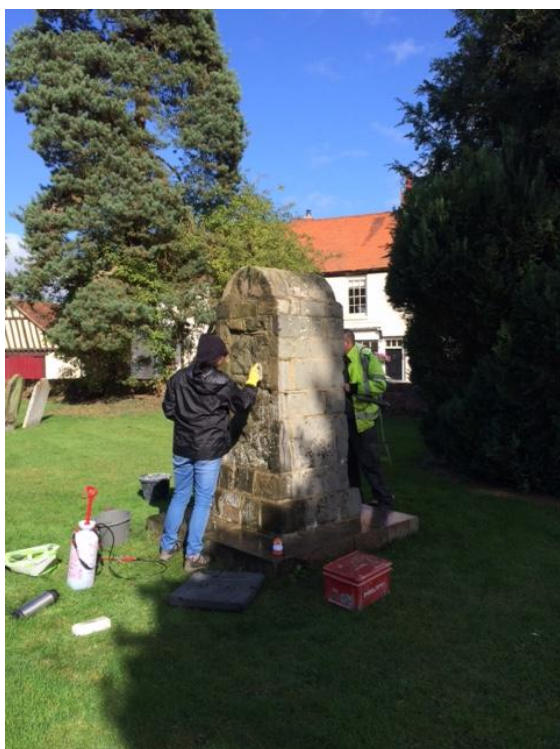
We then invited all those who had helped us with the project to a meal out in a local restaurant as a thank you for their contribution to the World War One Commemorative Project. We also gave Saffron Walden Museum a contribution to their funds, as they had given us so much information about World War One in our area including the planning for an invasion, and copies of ration books etc.,

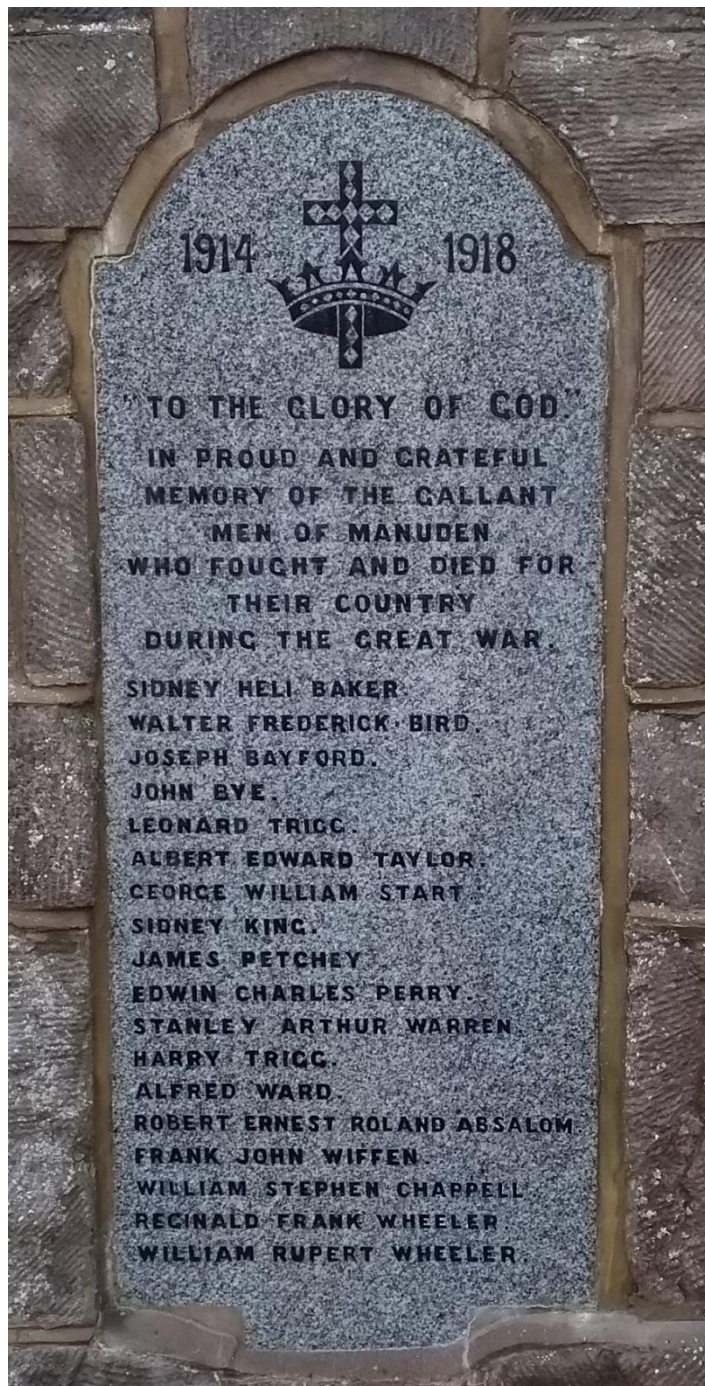
Manuden War Memorial – Renovation

Our war memorial required cleaning, re-pointing and the lettering re-painted.



This task was given to a renovation specialists Adamson Conservation Ltd, seen below cleaning and painting in the shade of the Lawson pine and Elder which we eventually had removed to bring the memorial back into view from The Street.





Manuden War Memorial – Re-Dedication

The public were invited to attend the re-dedication ceremony on Sunday 30 September 2018 by The Reverend Paddy Cable at 3 pm.



MANUDEN WORLD WAR ONE MEMORIAL

RE-DEDICATION SERVICE

HERE

SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER AT 3 PM



EVERYONE WELCOME

Tea and Cakes
in church following Service



Welcome and Introduction by the Reverend Paddy Cable
(Retired Army Chaplain)

Hymn: O valiant hearts.

O valiant hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame:
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save mankind – yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the light that never more shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay,
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands his Cross from that dread hour to this,
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were his servants, in his steps they trod,
Following through death the martyred Son of God:
Victor he rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk his cup of sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose Cross has bought them and whose
staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to thy gracious hand.
The Lesson: Ecclesiasticus Chapter 44, verses 1-15.

The Address: The Reverend Paddy Cable.

The prayers and intercessions.

The prayer of rededication:

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we rededicate this memorial stone to your glory and in honour of all those, living and departed, who strove so courageously in the cause of freedom during two world wars and subsequent conflicts. We remember especially those commemorated here and who came from this place. May this memorial stone be a reminder to future generations of the suffering endured and the sacrifice made by those who gave so much for us, that we might live in peace. May their example kindle in us, who are alive to enjoy that peace, a spirit of true

thankfulness and a determination to work for a world in which wars shall be no more. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The names of the fallen who are commemorated on the memorial are read.

All respond with the words: "May they rest in peace."

The laying of wreaths.

The exhortation:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. All say: "we will remember them."

The last post:

SILENCE

The reveille:

The Kohima epitaph:

"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today."

The act of commitment:

Chaplain: Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service. Will you strive for all that make peace? Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All say: "we will."

All say: Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve all mankind in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The National Anthem

The final Blessing.

Chaplain: May God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Manuden War Memorial Soldiers – Project



THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY APPEAR ON THE MEMORIAL

Robert Ernest Roland Absalom
Sidney Heli Baker
Joseph Bayford
Walter Frederick Bird
John Bye
William Stephen Chappell
Sidney King
Edwin Charles Perry
James Petchey
George William Start
Albert Edward Taylor
Leonard Trigg
Harry Trigg
Alfred Ward
Stanley Arthur Warren
Frank John Wiffen
Reginald Frank Wheeler
William Rupert Wheeler



ABSOLOM Robert Ernest Roland

Private

Regiment: East Yorkshire

1st Bn

Service No: 3722

Born 29 March 1893 Southend on Sea. Baptised in Manuden 9 May 1897. Father Charles, Mother Mary Louisa Absolom. 1901 census Robert is living with Uncle James King and Rose King in Catherine Buildings, Mallows Green Rd. Manuden

Date of Death: 4 Oct 1917 Age 23

TYNE COT MEM PANELS 47-8 & 163A

BAKER Sidney Heli

Private

Regiment: 17th Btn Middlesex

Service No: G/40870

Son of Emily & Alfred Baker

Sidney born in Manuden, father Shepherd from Anstey.

At time mother living in Middle Street, Clavering.

Date of Death: 3 January 1918 Age 24

ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France, Bay 7

BAYFORD Joseph

Private

Essex Regiment

A Company, 14th Bn.

Service No. 31451

Son of William and Charlotte Bayford of Farnham Green, Bishop's Stortford.

Husband of Anne Ada Bayford of Horners Yard, Manuden

Date of Death: 6 May 1917 Age 36

TOURNAI COMMUNAL CEMETERY, ALLIED EXTENSION, CCAE 5C17

BIRD Frederick Walter

(not listed as Walter Frederick BIRD on CWGC)

Private

Suffolk Regiment

1st/4th Bn

Service No 330146

Son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Bird, Kennels, Manuden, Essex

Date of death: 21 Nov. 1917 Age 19

LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY MC 27B 21

BYE John

Private

45132 Regiment: Durham Light Infantry

2nd Bn

Son of Alfred and Annie Bye, 9 Manuden Cottages, Manuden. Father a Shepherd.

Date of Death: 12 July 1918 Age 25

DENAIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY Grave Reference: CC.59

CHAPPELL William Stephen

Gunner

890304 Royal Horse Artillery & 54 Royal Field Artillery Territorial Force

Born Manuden 7 May 1888. Son of Noah and Mary Chappell of Manuden Street and later Maggots End.

His force involved in big battle at Sharon in September 1918. Died either of wounds received there or became a victim of Spanish flu which broken out in the area. Base Hospital.

Date of death: 21 November 1918 Age 30.

In Egyptian Theatre of War in Palestine

Buried in ALEXANDRIA (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery E209

KING Sidney

Corporal

14634 10th Bn Essex Regiment

Son of Henry and Clara King of Battles Cottages. Father a stockman at Battles Farm.

Date of Death: 8 Aug 1918

VIS EN ARTOIS MEMORIAL Panel 7

PERRY Edwin Charles

Private

21194

1st/4th Bn Essex Regiment

Husband of Mabel Perry of 16 Stansted Rd. Bishops Stortford

Died in Concentration Camp March 1917.
GOUZEAUCOURT, FRANCE, France New BC4c14

PETCHEY James

Private

K/2059 2nd Bn Royal Fusiliers.

Son of Henry and Adelaid Petchey. Father Milkman and Farm Worker.

Enlisted Stratford, resident Buckhurst Hill

Died on the battlefield 22 July 1917

CAMBRIN MILITARY CEMETERY K42

START George William

Private

202124 1st/th Bn Middx Regt.

202125 1st/8th Bn. Middlesex Regiment

Born Manuden. Son of Mrs Hannah Start, of Manuden, William's father was a bricklayer and the family lived at Clockhouses.

Died 14 June 1918 aged 25

AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION IV.L.12

TAYLOR Albert Edward

Private

14593 10th Bn Essex Regt.

Born Manuden. Son of Benjamin and Marie Taylor (nee Chappell), of Chapel Yard, Manden. The Taylors lived next to the Primitive Methodist Chapel nearly opposite the old entrance to the Playing Field.

Died 26 Sept 1916 aged 27

THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, SOMME, PIER AND FACE 10D

TRIGG Leonard

Sergeant 7500 1st Bn Bedfordshire Regt. Enlisted Bishop's Stortford.

Son of William and Ellen Trigg of Manuden. Husband of Annie Trigg of 8H Peabody Buildings, Glasshouse Street, Upper East Smithfield.

With Expeditionary Force in France from 26 September 1914.

Died 4 June 1916

ARRAS MEMORIAL Bay 5.

TRIGG Harry

Private

16852 9th Bn Essex Regt Enlisted Saffron Walden

Son of William and Ellen Trigg of Manuden. Husband of Florence Emily Bentley (formerly Trigg) of 11 High Street, Manuden (next to Old Shop, opposite Almshouses). Harry's wife remarried after his death.

Died 24 March 1916 aged 33

VERMELLES BRITISH CEMETERY BC 2C.17

WARD Alfred

Private

8746 2nd Bn Essex Regt.

Son of Charles and Emma Ward

Died 26 August 1914.

ESNES COMMUNAL CEMETERY NORD, FRANCE GRAVE 1 (local cemetery)

WARREN Stanley Arthur

Private

3rd Bn Queens (Royal West Surrey Regt) Enlisted Saffron Walden.

Born Manuden. Parents Charles and Mary Ann Warren. Father Sub Post Master of Manuden. Buried in Plot C21 West in Manuden Churchyard CWWG HEADSTONE.

Unusual Military Funeral. Also remembered on Wicken Bonhunt Memorial.



Military Funeral of Manuden Soldier. *Military honours of an unusual character, says East Kent Gazette, were paid by Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), at Sittingbourne on Monday last week, when the remains of Private Warren were conveyed to the railway station for interment at his home in Manuden. Private Warren who had been in the army only two weeks died at Glovers VAD Hospital from pneumonia following an attack of influenza, on Thursday in the previous week. The deceased who was single, belonged to No 1 Training Company, and the whole of the men of the company, in addition to the band and drums, paraded under the command of Captain W J Butler, the officer commanding the Company. Nearly 400 men paraded in all, an unusual mark of respect to the memory of the deceased. From Gore Court Camp to the Hospital the band played funeral marches en route. The coffin was conveyed on a gun carriage (with a Union Jack for a pall),*

*drawn by black horses, and on the coffin was a wreath from officers of the company, one from the NCOs and men of the Company, and another from the officers and staff at the hospital. Funeral marches were played as the cortege proceeded to the railway station, and as the coffin was placed on the train the firing party rested on their reversed arms, and as the train left the station arms were presented, as a parting salute to the dead. The interment took place at Manuden at half-past five the same evening. The parents have written to the regiment expressing their gratitude for the honours accorded their son. Private Stanley Warren was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Warren of Manuden, and prior to his enlistment had been for ten years in the employ of Mr W G Wells of Wicken Hall, Newport.
(Herts & Essex Observer 27 July 1918)*

This young man had only been in the regiment for two weeks, had not served abroad, and died from influenza.

WIFFEN Frank John

Lance Corporal 820 2nd Bn Northumberland Fusiliers. Enlisted Saffron Walden. Born Manuden. Son of John and Susannah Wiffen living at Bury Cottage, Mallows Green Road in 1891. Both parents buried in Manuden Churchyard.

Also L/Cpl Frank John Wiffen commemorated in the same plot as parents. Reported missing in France 1915, aged 29 years. Manuden Churchyard Plot H1 New Section. MENIN GATE MEMORIAL, BELGIUM Panel 8 or 12.

WHEELER Reginald Frank

Rifleman

11th Bn Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own)

Born Manuden. Son of Alfred and Elizabeth Wheeler. Resident Hammersmith.

Died 17 February 1917 on Western Front

THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, SOMME, FRANCE

WHEELER William Rupert

Private 9th Bn Royal Fusiliers

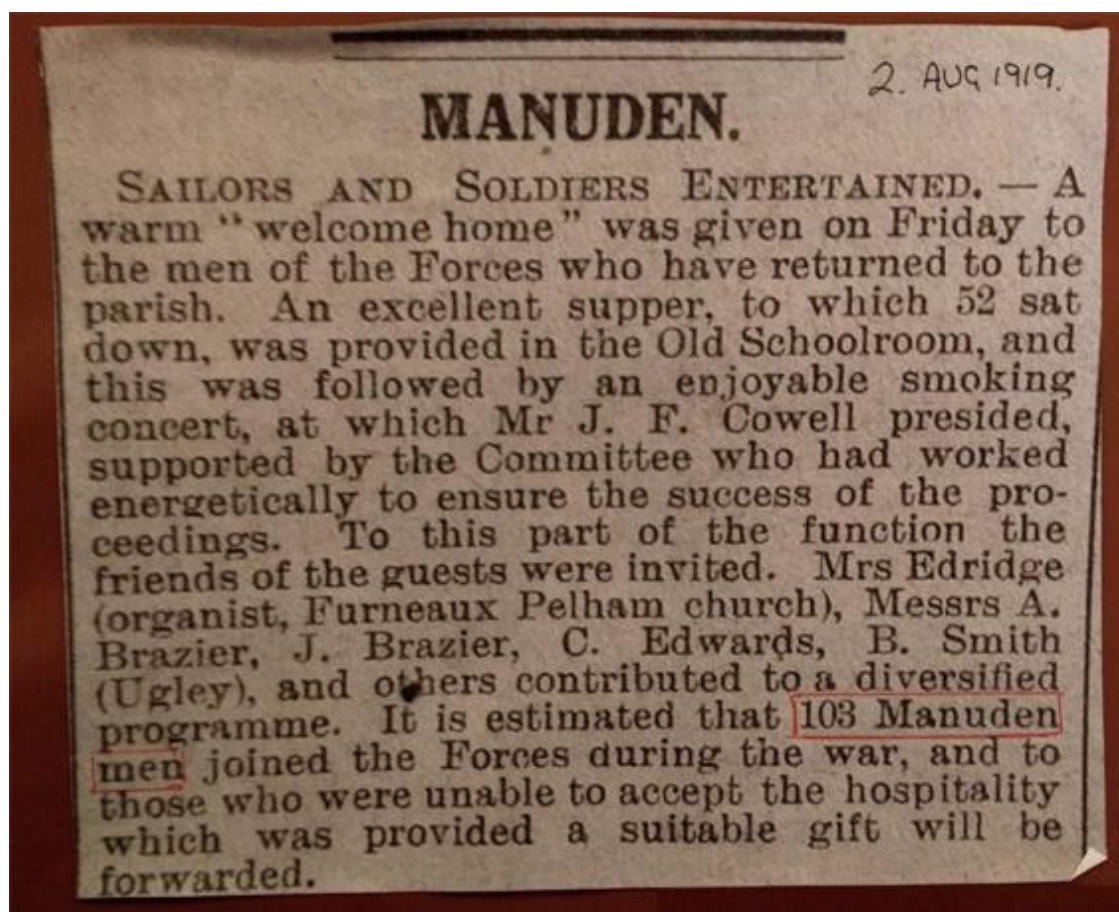
Service No: 35465

Son of Mrs E Wheeler of Manuden, Stansted, Essex. William's father was a bricklayer and family lived at Clockhouses

Died on 26 October 1917 of wounds received on 21 October 1917. Died in German hospital.

DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY, ETRUN V. C. 45

Other Men with Connections to Manuden



2nd Lt Robert James Cocksedge

1st Bn Norfolk Regiment.

Born Woodbridge, Suffolk 1895.

Son of William & Matilda Jane of Great Bealings, Ipswich.

Husband of Ada Cocksedge (née Tant) of "The Ferns", Manuden. Married in Manuden 26 June 1917. Ada died in 1954 aged 63 in Bishop's Stortford.

Robert died 25 September 1918 aged 22.

Remembered in Neuville-Bourjonval Cemetery (B36)

Petty Officer Stoker Frederick Charles Durkin

308482 HMS Caroline.

Born 1888

Son of Thomas & Dinah Durkin.

Husband of Daisy Durkin of 3 Pheasant Cottages, Manuden

Died 4 February 1920 aged 32.

Remembered on Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial Face A, India.

Private Mont Henry King 592906

East Surrey Regiment(Previously Queens Royal West Surrey Regt)

Enlisted in Saffron Walden 26 Nov 1915

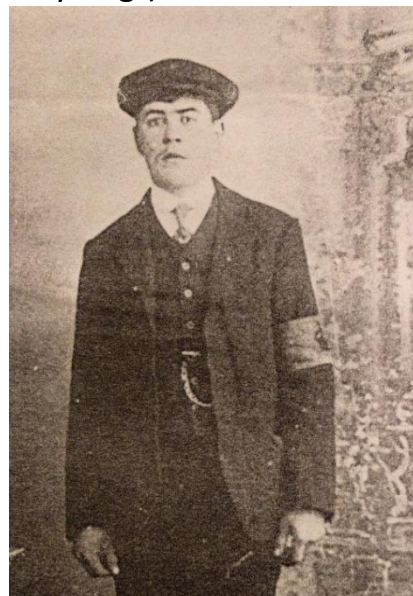
Served 3 years and 95 days with the Colours and 165 days as Army Reserve. Discharged on 12 August 1919.

Invalided out due to a damaged left hand shot through during the war damaging tendons in his left hand.

Mont Henry King son of Henry (born Berden) and



Mont King - Back Row far Right



The arm band denotes an army volunteer awaiting call-up

Emma King (née Chappell born Manuden). Henry was born in Manuden in 1897. Aged 13 is listed in 1911 census as a farm worker at Peyton Hall living with his parents, three brothers and two sisters in Peyton Hall cottages.

Berden War Memorial Soldiers – Project

IN MEMORY OF OUR HEROES WHO GAVE
THEIR LIVES FOR US

1914-1918

WALTER KING	29	October	1915
HARRY SEABROOK	12	July	1916
FRANK CHAPMAN	07	October	1916
WILLIAM TURPIN	12	December	1916
SIDNEY STONE	28	April	1917
FRANK PHILLIPS	10	July	1917
FRED MASCALL	09	August	1917
ARTHUR HAMMOND	10	October	1917
WILLIAM KING	09	November	1917
WALTER HAMMOND	10	October	1918
EARNEST KNIGHT	23	November	1918

Private Walter King 3/2512

Walter King was a member of the 1st Bn., Essex Regiment. In 1911 he lived with his 86yr old father and was an Agricultural Labourer in Berden. He was part of the 1st Bn of the Regular Army so he must have joined at some time between 1911 and 1914 perhaps due to the death of his father. In August 1914 they were in Mauritius but returned to England in December 1914. On the 18th January 1915 the battalion moved to Banbury and came under orders of the 88th Brigade which was part of the 29th Division.

On the 21st March 1915 Walter King sailed from Avonmouth for Gallipoli going via Egypt and Mudros. He landed at Cape Helles on 25th April 1915. There is a memorial to the 29th Division on the A45 at Stretton on Dunsmore between Coventry and Rugby. It marks the spot where the troops were inspected by George V just before the departure for Gallipoli.

16th Battalion Notts and Derby Regiment Band



Moved to Aldershot on 30th September 1915 but soon moved to Witley. On the 6th March 1916 they landed at Le Havre.

Harry Seabrook died during the Battle of Albert 1st -13th July 1916. He was killed in action but his body was never identified. In his will he left £1198.25.11d to Harold John Spencer Seabrook who was a Lieutenant in the Wiltshire Yeomanry
According to Miss C.I Cherry (Herts and Essex Observer) October 1916, Mr. and Mrs. A Seabrook of Highlands Farm lent their house on a weekly basis to a local group who were supporting the Red Cross. 13 people on average helped out. 5300 articles including Pyjama suits, shirts, towels and jackets were sent to the depot in Newport between 1916 and 1919.



Private Frank Chapman

Private Frank Chapman belonged to 6th Bn., Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) Regimental number G/17413. He died 7th October 1916. and can be found on the Thiepval Memorial in the Somme.

In 1911 he lived in Sawpit Lane, Little London. He was a Labourer on a farm and a Thatcher. He lived with his Father and Sister. He enlisted in Saffron Walden and was killed in action. He was formerly 27524, of the Middlesex Regiment and was 5ft 8 inches tall with a circular scar on right thigh according to his enlistment record.

The 6th (Service) Battalion was formed at Maidstone on 14th August 1914 as part of K1 and came under the command of the 37th Brigade in 12th Eastern Division. It moved initially to Colchester and on to Purfleet in September 1914 before going to billets in Hythe in December. Moved to Aldershot in February 1915. On the 1st June 1915 landed at Boulogne.

Frank died during the Battle of the Somme (1st July-18th November 1916) He was involved in the Battle of Le Transloy, (1st-18th October) under General Rawlinson of Fourth Army, 12th Eastern Division.

Gunner William Turpin

Gunner William Turpin 608 belonged to No 2 Depot, Royal Garrison Artillery. He died on 12th December 1916. Aged 31. He was the son of John and Ellen Turpin and can be found in St Nicholas churchyard, Berden. He enlisted in Oxford and was formerly 608, 132nd Oxf. Hvy. Bty. R.G.A.

The Royal Garrison Artillery developed from fortress-based artillery located on the British coasts. From 1914 when the army possessed very little heavy artillery it grew into a very large component of the British forces. It was armed with heavy, large calibre guns and howitzers that were positioned some way behind the front line and had immense destructive power. No 2 Depot (Heavy and Siege) located at Gosport and was part of the coastal defences. It was also a training unit. This is where William died.

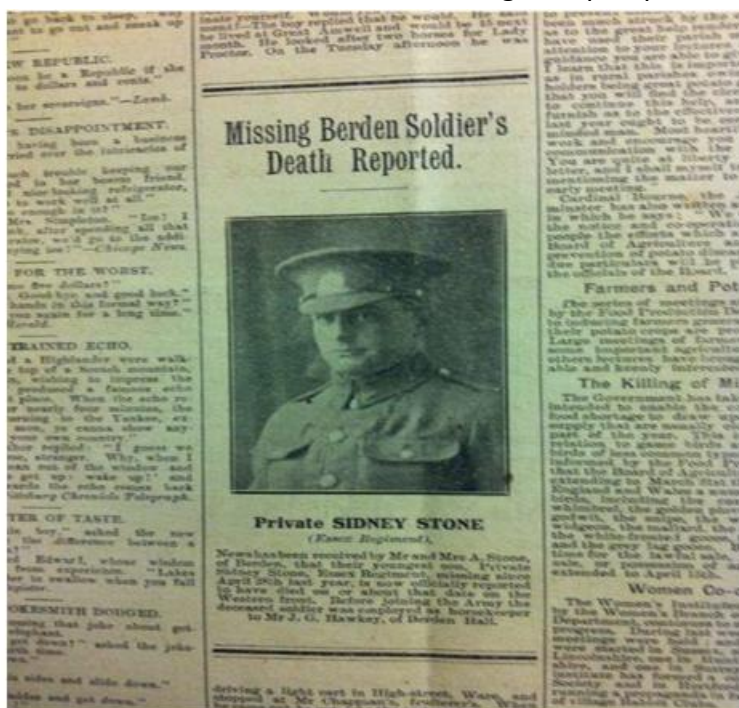


Private Sidney Stone

Private Sidney Stone 35117 belonged to A Coy. 13th Bn. Essex Regiment. He died on 28th April 1917 aged 21 and was single. His name can be found on the Arras Memorial.

Sidney was the son of Ammon and Mary Ann Stone (nee Bonney) of Mount Pleasant, Berden

He enlisted in Saffron Walden and was killed in action. His battalion attacked German held Oppy that day and lost about 300 men. Sidney was a Farm Labourer and was the youngest child of 7 brothers and sisters. He had been a groom to Mr Hawkey of Berden Hall. Sidney was noted as missing near the small town of Oppy, Pas de Calais. His mother never believed he was dead and never gave up hope that he would be found.



You can read J W Burrows Essex Units in the War 1914-1919 Vol 6 The Essex Regiment (13th Bn) Pages 410-411 for a full account of the battle.

The Regiment was formed at West Ham on 27th Dec 1914 by the Mayor and Borough. Moved to Brentwood in May 1915. August 1915 moved to Clipstone camp and came under orders of 100th Brigade in 33rd Division. They landed at Boulogne on 17th Nov 1915. On 22nd December was transferred to 6th Brigade in 2nd Division. Sidney died during the Arras offensive (9th April-16 June 1917) Part of First Army commanded by General Horne. Battle of Arleux 28-29th April part of 2nd Division.

Private Frank Phillips

Private Frank Phillips 24798 belonged to the 1st Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment. He died on the 10th July 1917. Aged 29. His name is on the Nieuport Memorial. He was the son of the late Isaac and Mary Ann Phillips and was born in Berden. In 1891 he lived at Dewes Green.

He enlisted at Saffron Walden. The 1st Bn were at Blackdown near Aldershot in August 1914. They were under the command of the 2nd Brigade in 1st Division. On 13th August 1914 they landed at Le Havre. He died of his wounds during the Battle of Messines between 7th June and 11th July 1917.

Private Fred Mascall

Private Fred Mascall 55838 belonged to the 14th Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He died of his wounds on 18th August 1917. Aged 28. He can be found at Dozinghem Military cemetery.

Fred enlisted in Saffron Walden. and was formerly 28771, Essex Regiment. He lived in Audley End Village in 1911 with his wife and two children. He was unemployed at the time.

Between 31st July-10th November 1917 the Royal Welsh were fighting in the Third Battle of Ypres under the command of the Fifth Army (General Gough). Fred Mascall fought and died at the Battle of Langemarck between 16-18th August 1917.

Private Arthur Hammond

Private Arthur Hammond 8315 belonged to the 1st Bn., East Surrey Regiment. He died on 10th October 1917. Aged 22. He was the son of Mrs. Emma Jane Woodcock. Arthur's name can be found on the Tyne Cot Memorial. He was killed in action.

In 1911 he was a Farm carman and lived at No 1 Alms Houses, Brick House End with his mother, stepfather and 3 brothers and sisters.

The 1st Bn., were based in Dublin in August 1914. They were part of the 14th Brigade in 5th Division. They landed at Le Havre on 15th August 1914. On the 12th January 1916 they were transferred to 95th Brigade in same division. They were involved in the Battle of Poelcapelle on the 9th October 1917 (Third Ypres). Part of the Second Army under General Plumer. He died possibly due to shelling on the 10th October. Miss C.I Cherry (Herts and Essex Observer) reports that on the 21st September 1918 L/Cp. A. Hammond, of the East Surreys, reported missing. News that he was killed 10th October 1917. He was the youngest son of the late Mr Daniel Hammond of Little

London. Formerly horse keeper to Mr. J Hawkey of Berden Hall. He was aged 22 years.

Lance Sergeant William King

Lance Sergeant William King 590306 belonged to the 2nd /18th Bn. , London Regiment (London Irish Rifles) and died on 9th November 1917. Aged 28. He was married to Florence King of Priory Gate Cottages, Berden. William can be found in Beersheba War Cemetery.

The regiment was formed in London in August 1914 and was part of the 60th Division.

At the end of May 1915, Division HQ was moved to Bishops Stortford. In November 6300 Lee Enfield Rifles arrived. Sent to Salisbury Plain in January 1916.

On the 23rd June 1916 they landed at Le Havre but in November they were moved to Salonika. On 24th -25th April, 8th -9th May 1917 they were involved in the Battle of Dorian.

On 2nd July 1917 moved to Egypt, arriving in Alexandria on the 5th July.

William took part in the 3rd Battle of Gaza (30 October-7th November) notably in the capture of Beersheba on the 31st October and the capture of the Sheria position on the 6th November. William King fought and died in Palestine on the 9th November 1917.

Miss C.I Cherry (Herts and Essex Observer) noted that on 29th December 1917, there was carol singing by Gwen Turpin, Mabel Warman, Jessie Rust and Winnie Tant around the village. The result was 10s for the War Hospital Depot. Mabel's father was Walter Warman who joined the Royal Engineers in 1916 and survived the war.

Miss C.I Cherry (Herts and Essex Observer) also notes that on the 4th May 1918 Private Willie Brett, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W Brett, Highlands Cottages, was wounded for the fifth time, also suffered shell shock and gas attack (Essex Regiment)

Corporal Harold Russell England

Corporal Harold Russell England 77490 belonged to the Canadian Corps Military Police. Harold died on 31st August 1918 aged 33.

He was the son of Captain. Russell England and Mrs Emily England. Husband of Kathleen Mary England (nee Seabrook) of Berden Priory. He can be found at Tigris Lane Cemetery, Wancourt. The Canadian War Graves Registers report that while on duty controlling traffic in Wancourt about 11am on August 31st 1918, he was instantly killed by splinters from an enemy shell, that penetrated his heart. Harold was formerly of the 48th Gordon Highlanders. Spent 3 years and 4 months on

continuous active service. A plaque can be found inside St Nicholas Church in remembrance of him.

Lance Corporal Walter Hammond

Lance Corporal Walter Hammond L/14106 belonged to the 13th Bn., Middlesex Regiment. He died on 10th October 1918. Exactly one year after his brother. He can be found at St. Aubert British Cemetery. Part of Duke of Cambridge's Own and was killed in action.

He enlisted in Mill Hill, Middlesex, aged 18. On 5th October 1917 he married Kate Auslin at Stove Parish Church. Five days later his younger brother was killed.

The Regiment was formed at Mill Hill in September 1914 as part of K3 and came under the command of the 73rd Brigade, 24th Division. Moved to South Downs went to billets in Hove in December 1914 and there to Shoreham in May 1915 and Pirbright in June. On 2nd September 1915 they landed at Boulogne. It was part of the Third Army under General Byng. Walter Hammond died in the Battle of the Hindenburg Line. The 24th Division were part of the pursuit to the Selle (9th-12th October 1918) They had fought at the battle of Cambrai on 8th-9th October. Walter died on the 10th October. Killed in action.

Private Ernest Albert Knight

Private Ernest Albert Knight 27831, 2nd Bn., Essex Regiment. He died on 28th November 1918. Aged 28. He was the son of Albert Knight and the husband of Alice Knight of the Street, Berden.

Ernest can be found in St Nicholas Churchyard, Berden. He was a Milk Cart Driver.

The Regiment was formed in Chatham in August 1914. It was part of the 12th Brigade and 4th Division. Moved to Cromer, Norwich and Harrow. On the 28th August 1914 they landed at Le Havre. The 12th Brigade was attached to 36th (Ulster Division) for purposes of giving instruction between 5th November 1915 to 3rd February 1916. The Regiment took part in the Battle of Valenciennes between 1st-2nd November 1918 as part of the 4th Division under the First Army (General Horne) They were part of the final advance into Picardy and this was their last engagement. Ernest Knight died of his wounds due to gas.

Miss C.I Cherry (Herts and Essex Observer) 10th December 1918 reports that the burial of Private Ernest Knight took place just before the Guild service to select the Boy Bishop for next year.

Other Men with Connections to Berden

John (Jack) Brett

Relative of Debra Carter, Bentfield

Born July 1897 in Berden.

Lived at Highland Farm Cottages.

Brother of William

Essex Regt. Mounted.

Fought in Gallipoli.

He survived the war and Died in January 1993



William Brett

Relative of Debra Carter, Bentfield

Born April 1892 in Berden

Lived at Highland Farm Cottages.

In 1901 he was living with his parents William (32) and Hannah (32).

Essex Regiment - invalided out 5 times, once from the effects of Mustard Gas.

Died February 1977



Genealogy Project

Programme of Events



LOTTERY FUNDED

2017

12 October 10am Free Workshop in the Manuden Village Community Centre

16 November at 8pm at The Bury, Manuden. Robert Pike a specialist on World War I graveyards is to lead a session on researching the soldiers.

2018

19 April at 8pm at The Bury, Manuden. General talk on Genealogy - with Janice Sharp

11 November 11.30 to 6.30 pm World War One Exhibition in the Manuden Village Community Centre

14 November 7pm onward in MVCC Manuden Women's Institute

Talk on EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN and related issues by author Vivien Newman

24 November 6.45 pm FILM OF WAR HORSE in the Manuden Community Centre

And pre-film talk by Matt Burgess actor in London Stage Play of War Horse

2019

31 January Finalisation event at the Yew Tree Inn, Manuden



**FREE WORKSHOP
DID YOU HAVE ANCESTORS INVOLVED
IN WORLD WAR ONE?**

Would you like to find out if you do?

GENERAL FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH
plus focus on
RESEARCHING YOUR WORLD WAR 1
ANCESTORS

Manuden and Berden History Society
and Manuden Parish Council - supported by
The Heritage Lottery Fund - is offering
a free workshop to anyone who wishes to attend.

The workshop, presented by two Genealogy Experts
from the Essex Record Office,
will take place in:

Manuden Village Community Centre
on Thursday 12 October, 2017
from 10 am to 12.30 pm
free refreshments will be provided

Places are limited so booking is essential

To book your free place email:

fiona.bengtzen@btinternet.com or phone: 01279 812157
or Jeff Attfield: jeff@maggotts.co.uk

On Thursday, 12 October 2017 Manuden and Berden History Society and Manuden Parish Council began their World War One Genealogy Project with a Workshop in the Atkinson Room of Manuden Village Community Centre. The Workshop was led by Hannah Salisbury, and Sarah Ensor from the Essex Record Office. There were originally 20 members who signed up for the session, but due to illness and work constraints, 17 people participated on the day. We were limited by the space available in the room where laptops and other devices were needed for the work involved.

Hannah and Sarah shared the work of presenting, each concentrating on a particular aspect of research. Firstly, how to get started on researching your ancestors and details of the records available to researchers, plus information on the most useful sites to find your relatives. How to find someone who served in the Army in the First World War who features on Manuden War Memorial. Each



presentation was accompanied by details of all the websites used to access the information. How to find an individual. What to do if you cannot find him/her etc. One of these presentations included details of a World War One Soldier who was related to the presenter.

At half time, we stopped for tea and cakes and biscuits, and a general chat with our co-researchers at the workshop about their own interest in researching their WW1 ancestors.

After the break, our tutors concentrated on covering the Navy, and the Royal Flying Corp/RAF, as well more difficult aspects like Conscientious Objectors, and Prisoners of War.

See full details of the morning's programme below.

There was time for questions, and then students were given Advice Sheets from the Essex Record Office on how to proceed with our research, including detailed information on the websites and how to use them.

The participants were very enthusiastic about the workshop, and the opportunity to learn from experts, how to go about researching their ancestors who were involved in World War One.

We have now asked these new genealogists to send us details of what they find so that we can present their findings in due course.

9.45	Arrival and refreshments; setting up devices on centre WiFi
10.00	Introduction to Essex Record Office and Saffron Walden Archive Access Point, and examples of local war memorial websites
10.20	Getting started – overview of key records: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Military records - Commonwealth War Graves Commission database - Census records - Birth, marriage and death records - Newspapers
10.35	Army case study: William Rupert Wheeler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow us through this example of tracing a man named on the Manuden war memorial, including an opportunity to try out some searches on your own device
11.30	Break
11.45	Other useful places to look <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naval records - British Newspaper Archive - MoD - Essex Ancestors - Tribunal records
12.15	RFC case study: Kenneth Mathewson
12.45	Q&A
13.00	Close

Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits were provided for the attendees at the break.

Attendees were:

Glynis and John Cheers

Pat Pratley

John and Jean Gillard

Gill Moss

Bridget Pulyk

Fiona Bengtsen

Jeff Attfield

John Archer

Douglas and Judy Inch

Valerie Bartram

Les and Ros Hawkins

Douglas Stratford

Sheila Hannington

MANUDEN AND BERDEN HISTORY SOCIETY

WORLD WAR ONE GRAVEYARDS

Where were your ancestors buried?

On 16 November, 2017

The Bury Barn

Manuden

at 8 pm

Our speaker will be

Robert Pike

An expert on Military Matters relating to
World War One

Robert lives in Saffron Walden and has spent years
researching individuals involved in this war.

Come and join us.

There is no charge for this meeting.

For more details email: fiona.bengtzen@btinternet.com

Or call: 01279 812157



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Our speaker was Robert Pike – a specialist in this subject over many years. Bob, who lives in Saffron Walden, has researched numerous WW1 War Memorials in the Uttlesford Area and visited War Memorials and Military Graveyards all over the world in his quest to find every soldier on these local memorials. Bob gave an extremely interesting talk with slides of the Military Memorials and Graveyards, explaining how and why the men were buried where they were, or why they were on a particular memorial. He covered all of the men on our two villages of Manuden and Berden and had even found photographs of some of the men. He also explain the circumstances of their death and explained the significance of the various graveyards. Some being casualty station cemeteries etc. Bob also showed us photographs of many memorials and graveyards that contained the names of relatives of famous people and the significance of burial/commemoration in the various places.

Our members asked many questions, both during and after the presentation, and felt that they had learned a great deal from the talk.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits were provided for the members after the talk.

Attendees were:

Bob Pike and his wife
Douglas and Judy Inch
Douglas Stratford
Peter Heap
Peter Wing
Jeff Attfield
Marta Hensall

John Archer
Frank and Fiona Bengtsen
Ian and Teresa Priest
John Burton
Les and Ros Hawkins
Janice Sharp and husband

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Who your relatives were?

Where they lived?

What their occupations were?

And – more importantly – what they got up to!

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In the Bury Barn, Manuden

when expert Genealogist Janice Sharpe

Chairman of the North West Branch of the Essex Society for Family History.

will be here to help you.

For those of you still struggling to find your
World War One Ancestors
ready for November this year,
we can also offer you help in tracking them down.

There will be a major exhibition in Manuden Community Centre
in November this year

when we would like details of

YOUR RELATIVES

who served in World War One

those of you who live here now:

We already have details of those on the memorial.

For more information call 01279 or email fiona.bengtzen@btinternet.com



Setting Up



Checking census documents

Tea, Coffee and biscuits were provided for the members after the talk.

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Rachel Alexander

Beryl Bedford

Peter & Nina Wing

John Archer

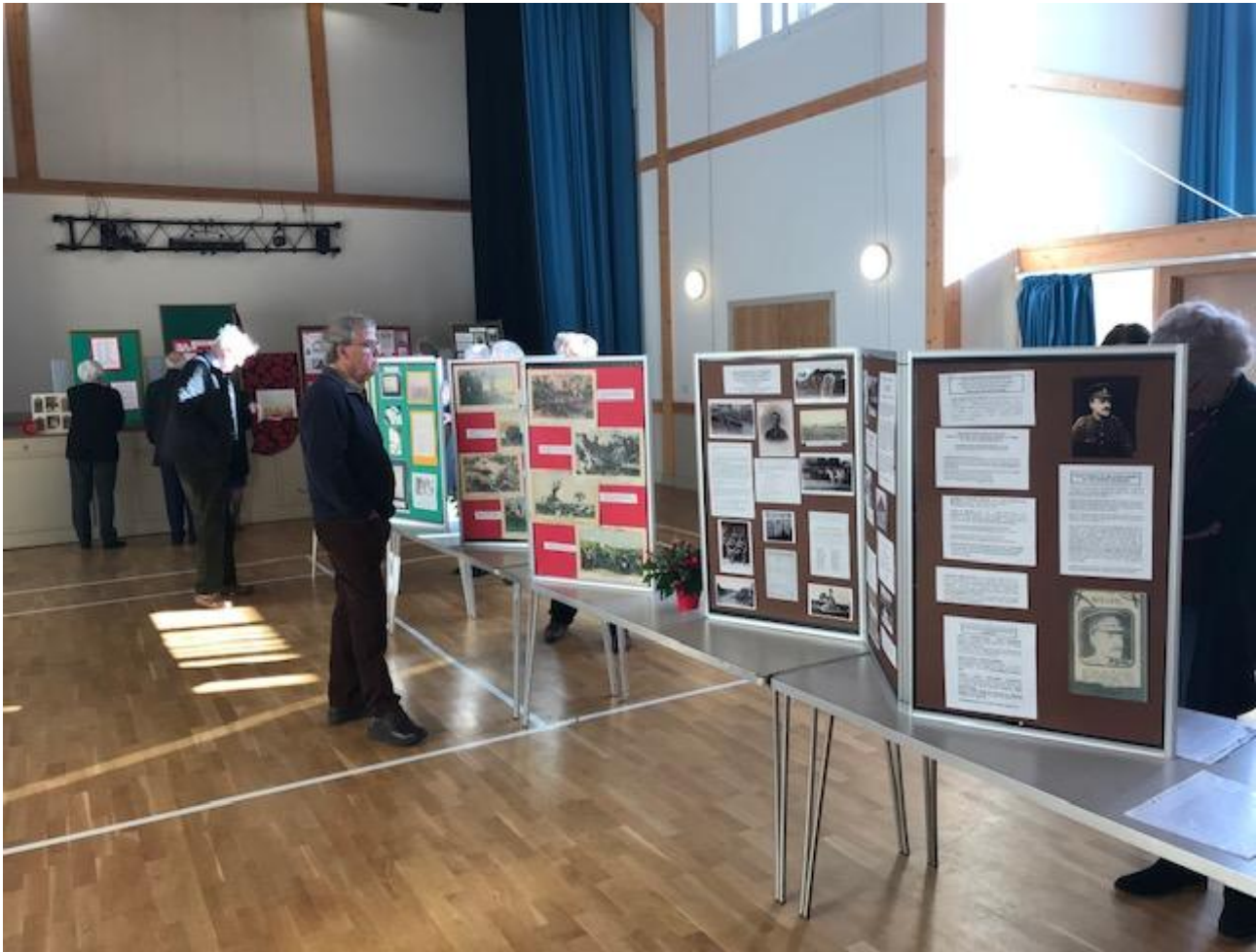
Pat Pratley

Sheila Hannington

Jeff Attfield

The Genealogy Exhibition 11 November

The exhibition on the 11th was a great success so many exhibits and great interest from young and old alike.





Manuden Women's Institute 14 November - Talk

7pm onward in MVCC

Talk on EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN and related issues by author Vivien Newman.



Dr Viv Newman is a historian in social history with a particular interest in women's service in WWI. The title of her talk was Singers Spies & Suffragists.

2018 commemorated the centenary of the Armistice, the emancipation of some women in the Representation of the People Act and the Spanish flu pandemic which is estimated to have killed between 50 and 100 million people worldwide.

Whilst most women stayed and worked on the home front during the war years in munitions factories or in the land army, the upper classes and suffragists turned to nursing. The suffragists privately funded nursing units on the Western Front. At the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, Mary Borden, a Vassar educated American, used her own considerable money to equip and staff a field hospital for French soldiers close to the Front in which she herself served as a nurse from 1914 until the end of the war. She funded the unit after seeing in one French hospital that preserving a man's uniform was more important than preserving his life! Mary was a poet but was stopped from writing in mainstream publications because her description of what was happening on the Western Front was too graphic, however, she would not be censored and published in suffragist pamphlets

Lena Ashwell, a theatre manager and actress wished to help the war effort but not knowing how set up the first concert party which went to the front in 1915 to entertain the troops. She made "Roses are shining in Picardy" her song. She was the Vera Lynn of her day.

Regina Diana was a German spy; she was one of Germany's most deadly weapons. Pillow talk served her well and cost allied lives. Lady Luck failed her however when a postcard en-route to Germany was discovered in a mail room when the temperature rose and a message that had been written in invisible ink appeared. She was arrested in March 1917 her trial opened 6 months later, on 20th September 1917 she was found guilty and sentenced to death by firing squad on 5th January 1918.

The PM Lloyd George said *"It would have been utterly impossible for us to have waged a successful war had it not been for the skill and ardour, enthusiasm and industry which the women of the country have thrown into the war"*

We have a garden club, a cookery club, a book club, craft and a social ramble as well as a more energetic walking group.

The WI meet at the village community centre at 7.30 on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and visitors are always welcome. There is no need to join straight away, why not check out our Facebook page and then pop along and see if you like it.

War Horse 24 November film show

6.45 pm FILM OF WAR HORSE in the Manuden Community Centre

And pre-film talk by Matt Burgess actor in London Stage Play of War Horse.

WAR HORSE

THE FILM

24 NOVEMBER



6.45 PM

MANUDEN

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As the genealogy project progressed we realised very quickly that many of the soldiers we were researching had been in various yeomanry, cavalry and hussars regiments and so had been very involved with the many horses that were used and sadly killed during the conflict. So when Matt Burgess offered to give an introductory talk to the Film War Horse we jumped at the chance. This was the first use of our brand new cinema screen that had been installed the day before!



FINALISATION OF THE HLF PROJECT

We held our final event of the World War One Commemoration Project in the evening of Thursday, 31 January 2019. This was a meal out at the Yew Tree Inn in Manuden, for thirteen members of the large support group of villagers who have helped us throughout the whole of these three years.

The Yew Tree Inn is an ancient, vernacular building dating from the 1600s, and faces the church wall and World War One memorial in Manuden Churchyard.



Our invited helpers represented:

For the church: Ken Pratley, Captain of Bellringers, Lay Priest and previous Church Warden, who arranged for the peel to be rung at our re-dedication ceremony in September 2018. Our Treasurer, Errol Seryk, who has helped with our accounts throughout these years. Sadly our Secretary, Jeff Attfield, was unable to attend due to an operation.

Plus, several History Society Members from both parishes, and their partners, who have given us detailed information on their soldier relatives in World War One, including, artefacts, photographs and soldiers' letters from the Front.

Our Manuden Parish Council Representative, John Archer, who has been invaluable in helping to set up our events at the Manuden Village Community Centre, co-ordinating work on the restoration of the memorial and much more. John is also preparing the digital content for the HLF Report on our activities.

John's French family background gave our World War One story a completely different dimension, by using information on his own French family relatives involved in the war. We also used John's collection of French War Posters from that period which showed how the French also used men from its colonies to fight in the war, as we used Australian, Canadian and New Zealand soldiers.

Exhibition the Men and Women

WORLD WAR ONE

EXHIBITION

HERE



11 NOVEMBER

11.30 TO 6.30



LOTTERY FUNDED

Brigadier Sir John Barraclough CMG DSO MC KStJ DL

Great Uncle* of Peter Heap of Willowbeech, MANUDEN

[*Paternal Grandmother's Brother]

Born 4 August 1894.

Commissioned into **Lancashire (later Kings Own) Regiment** 16 June 1915 as Second Lieutenant.

Seconded to **Royal Flying Corps** in June 1916 and then rejoined **Lancashire Regiment** in August 1916. Seconded to the **Machine Gun Corps** from 28 August 1916.

Promoted to Lieutenant on 14 September 1916 and to Acting Captain between August 1917 and March 1918.

Awarded the Military Cross gazetted 1 January 1918.

Promoted to Acting Major from 1 April 1918.

Died 31 August 1981.

Letters From John Barraclough:-

5/3/16

Extracts from letter to his sister dated 5th March 1916.

“The very second that we got over the parapet, the whole place was lit up with shell fire, rifle fire, trench mortars but most of all by the fireworks the Huns sent up, it was magnificent”.

“Another fellow called Heaton and I were the machine gun officers. Heaton was very badly wounded within half an hour of the commencement of the attack so I was the only machine gun officer left”.

“When I got into the German trench (how I got there God only knows) I found myself and another officer (since killed) quite alone with Huns in the trench on either side of us. We waited for about 30 seconds wondering what to do when all of a sudden we heard some men running along the trench towards us yelling out something in incoherent german. It turned out to be a German officer and four German privates.”



“The other English officer who was with me fired point blank at the German officer with his revolver. The remainder turned and ran down the trench in the opposite direction. All this was in pitch darkness of course. All the time there was the most fearful shelling going on on both sides.”

“The next person who joined the English officer and me was my poor old servant. He was so overjoyed at finding me alive that he wanted to kiss me. The poor fellow was blown to pieces later on in the day”

“I worked my way along the trench and was joined by one of my men and together we managed to capture a German machine gun”

The next thing that happened was a German shell bursting a few yards away. I was completely buried in the debris. Three fellow standing practically next to me were killed by the same shell”

“You must remember that the trenches were absolutely full of water up to the neck in some places, quite often up to the waist and always above the knees. It was fearfully cold”

“Just then I heard loud shouting and about 100 Huns whom we had surrounded were coming out of their trench towards us unarmed holding their hands up, waving handkerchiefs yelling out ‘kamarad, kamarad’. It was a great moment”

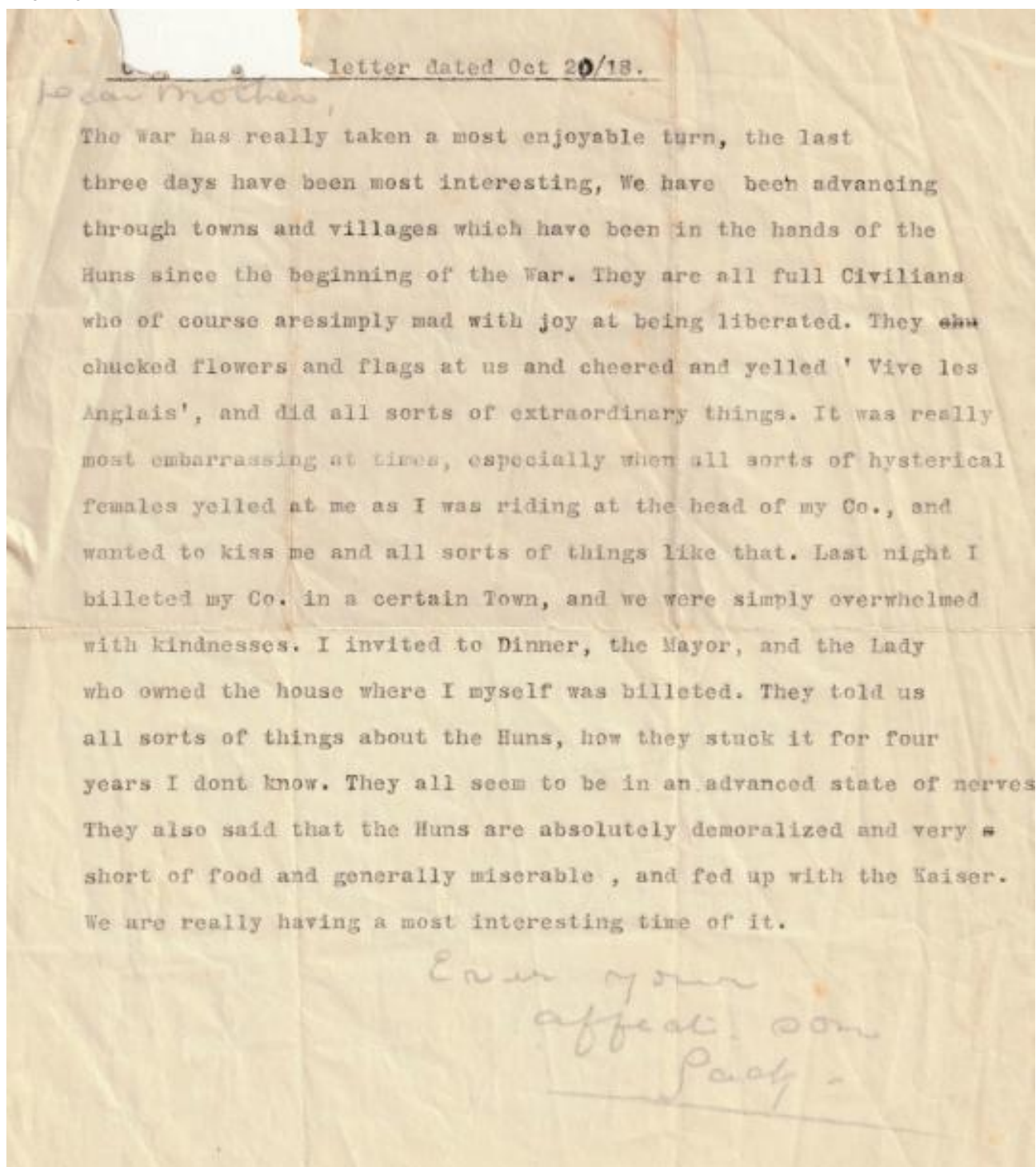
“The trenches were one mass of German and English dead. We had to walk on top of them, there was nothing else for it. The shrieks of the wounded, the smell of hot blood mixed with burnt powder and dust, it was absolutely indescribable, real bloody hell”

“We couldn’t get the wounded away. A lot of poor fellows were killed through exposure. It was a pitiful battalion that came out of the trenches on the night of March 3rd.”

“I suffered slightly from concussion due to being hit on the head when I was buried, I was buried twice but am quite all right now. I am feeling a little sad, I have lost so many friends but I guess we will have to put up with that”

“Thanks awfully for letters and parcels all received yesterday in good condition. The gingernuts, shortbread, choc biscuits etc were ideal. They were waiting for me when I returned from the trenches and absolutely put new life into me”

20/10/18



Extracts from letter to his mother dated 20th October 1918.

"The war has taken a most enjoyable turn, the last three days have been most interesting. We have been advancing through towns and villages which have been in the hands of the Huns since the beginning of the war. They are all full of civilians who of course simply mad with joy at being liberated. They chucked flowers and flags at us and cheered and yelled "vive les anglais" and did all sorts of extraordinary things.

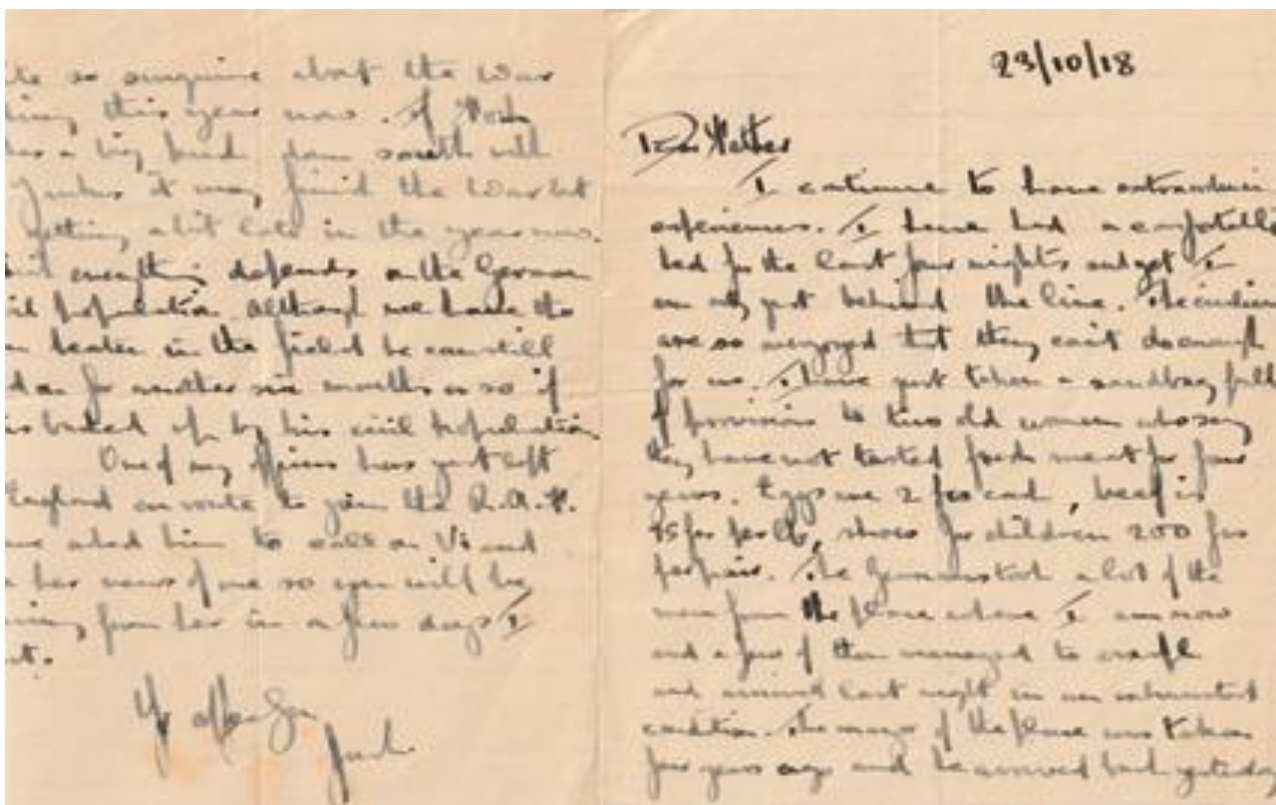
It was really most embarrassing at times, especially when all sorts of hysterical females yelled at me as I was riding at the head of my company."

"Last night I billeted my Co. in a certain town and we were simply overwhelmed with kindnesses.

I invited to dinner the Mayor and the Lady who owned the house where I myself was billeted. They told us all sorts of things about the Huns, how they stuck it for four years I don't know"

"They also said that the Huns are absolutely demoralised and very short of food and generally miserable and fed up with the Kaiser"

23/10/18



Extracts from letter to his father dated 23rd October 1918.

"I have taken a sandbag full of provisions to two old women who say they have not tasted fresh meat for four years"

"Eggs are 2 francs each, beef is 15 francs per pound, shoes for children 200 francs per pair"

The Germans took a lot of men from the place where I am now and a few of them managed to escape and arrived last night in an exhausted condition"

"Another family had three boys (aged about 12 years) taken by the Huns, another one had a girl about 19 years of age taken of quite good family too"

"I am not quite so sanguine about the war ending this year now. If there is a big push down south with the Yanks, it may finish the war but it is getting a bit late in the year now"

Nurse Renie Bell

Great Aunt* of Janie Watson of Cedar House

[*Maternal side]

Served in Salonika in Greece and Egypt



Agnes Mary Helena Bellasis

Great Aunt of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street, MANUDEN

Served in the French Red Cross in France 1916-18.



Captain Philip Joseph Bellasis

Great Uncle of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street, MANUDEN

Born on 19th April 1893 at 4 Cromwell Place,
Kensington, London.

Captain, 5th Battalion The King's Shropshire Light
Infantry

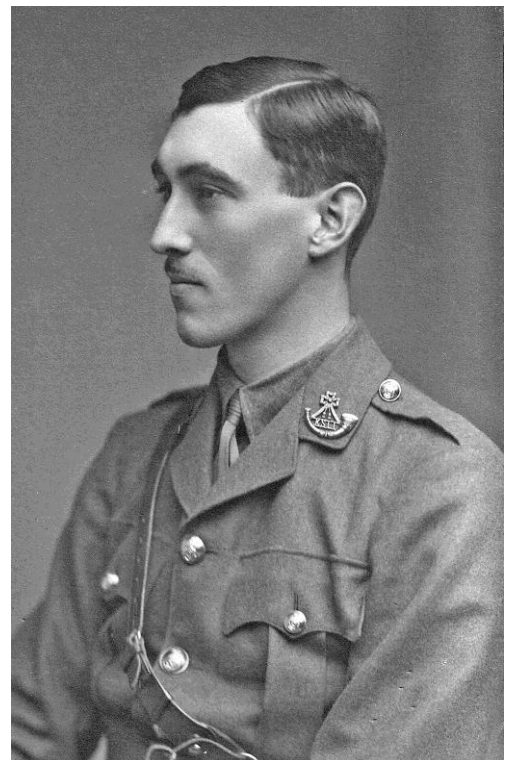
Died 24th August 1916, aged 23

Went to France in 1915.

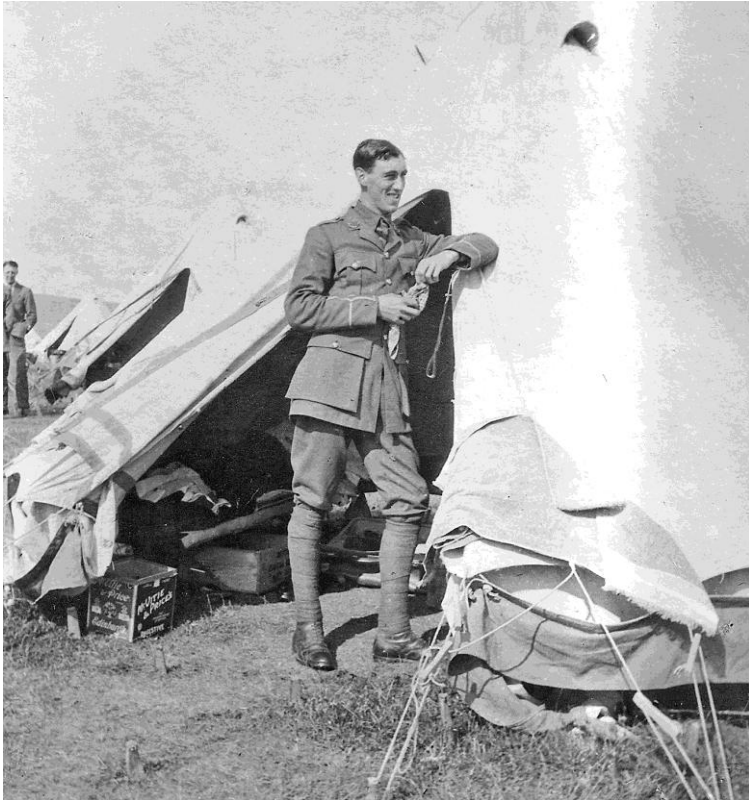
Gazetted Captain in August 1915.

*Received shrapnel wounds to his left thigh and right
hand at Hooge on 10th August 1915. Hospitalised at
Etaples.*

*Had sick leave from 5th October to 5th December 1915
and returned to his Battalion in April 1916.*



Killed at Delville Wood on 24th August 1916, during the Battle of the Somme. His



body not having been found, his name is among those of 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918, on the Thiepval Memorial in France, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, who have no known grave.

Private Richard Fauconberg Bellasis

Great Uncle of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street,
MANUDEN

Served as Private

690, East African Mounted Rifles from 6th November 1915.

He was later commissioned as a Lieutenant, and as a Major in the Artillery of the East African Protectorate Force.

Mentioned in Despatches (London Gazette 7th March 1



Private William Joseph Bellasis

Great Uncle of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street,
MANUDEN

115, Bowker's Horse (East African Mounted Rifles), was killed at Longido, British East Africa, on 3rd November 1914, aged 29.

He is buried in collective grave 8.E.6-13 in Dar-es-Salaam War Cemetery, Tanzania.



Monica Mary Bellasis

Great Aunt of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street, MANUDEN

Served in the French Red Cross in France 1916-18.



Richard Ernest Belsham

Great Uncle* of John Archer of The Old Wall House, The Street, MANUDEN

[* Paternal Grandmother's Brother]



Born 11 November 1889

Weston Turville, Bucks

Occupation Headmaster

Served in

The Buckinghamshire Yeomanry

Royal Bucks Hussars

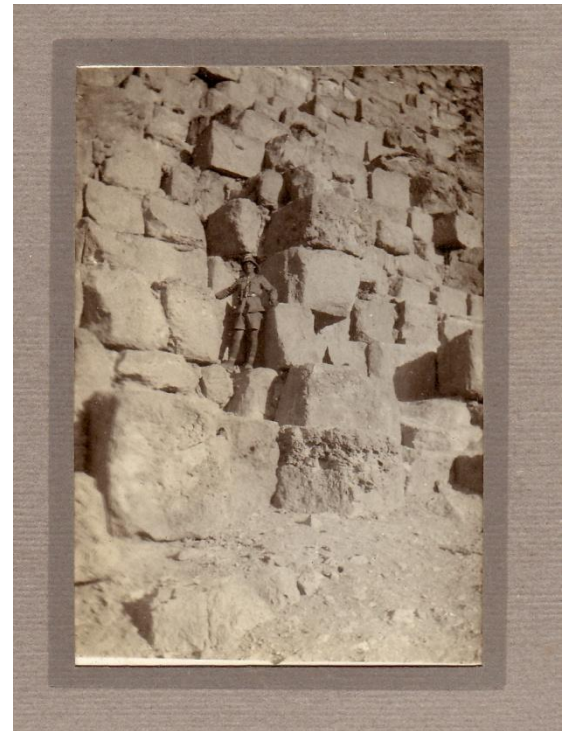
Machine Gun Corps

1914-1918

Served in Gallipoli, Egypt and France

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
BELSHAM. Richard E.	* Bucks Yeos. M.G.C.	Pte.	2425 165531.
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	* M.G.C 101B109	9083	
BARRIS	100	100	
15. Stan	M.G.C. 101B109	1778	
Theatre of War first served in	26.		
Date of entry therein	4. 11. 15		

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Survived the War and Married in 1919 and he had three children

Died 14 July, 1976

Sgt Victor W Belsham

Great Uncle* of John Archer of The Old Wall House, The Street, MANUDEN
[* Paternal Grandmother's Brother]

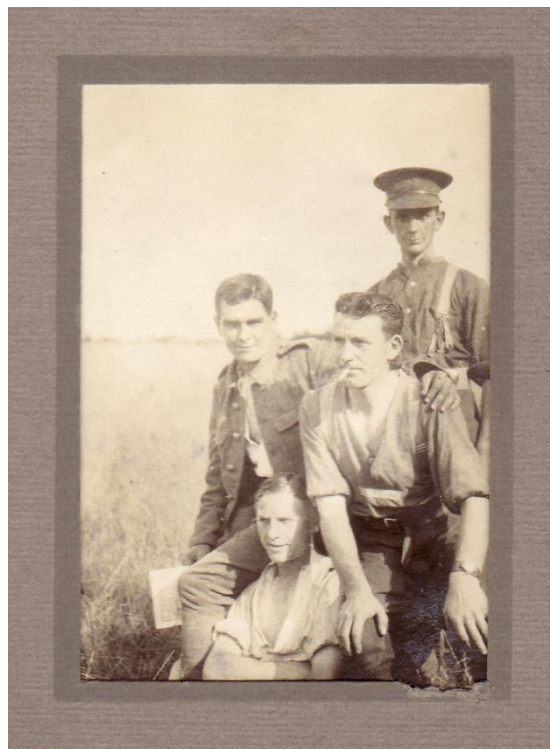


Born 20 December 1891 Weston Turville, Bucks

Occupation Farmer

Served in the Cavalry - **Oxford & Bucks Regiment** and **235345 8th Btn Gloucestershire Regt.**

Served in France and North Africa



Survived the War

Married in 1925

Died July 26, 1953 in Chesham, Bucks

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
BELSHAM Victor. W.	Oxford & Bucks R 8th Bn	Sgt	267732 235345
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	2/10/182	577	
BRITISH	do	do	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

K. 1890
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Victor and Richard were brothers.

[Andrew M Bruce](#)

[Charles J Bruce](#)

[John W Bruce](#)

[Norman S Bruce](#)

Relatives of Judith Inch of The Street, MANUDEN

THE BRUCE FAMILY lived in the west end of Glasgow, Father, Robert Wilson Bruce (1845-1922) was General Medical Practitioner, interested in welfare of poor children, Casualty Police Surgeon – Glasgow. Medical Officer Quarriers Homes.

**TWO BROTHERS DIED IN THE WAR,
THREE SURVIVED AND ANOTHER SERVED AT HOME AS SPECIAL CONSTABULARY.**

ANDREW AND CHARLES WERE KILLED

JOHN SURVIVED BUT NEVER MARRIED.

ANDREW MOFFATT BRUCE, born circa 1897, son of Robert Wilson Bruce and Madeline Redpath Bruce of Glasgow, joined the **Highland Light Infantry 6th (City of Glasgow) Battalion (Territorial)**.

This unit was part of those termed by the Germans as ‘**Ladies from Hell**’ (because they wore the kilt)

Andrew was killed at the end of the war.

Died: 29 September 1918 aged 21 yrs.

CHARLES JAMES BRUCE, born 20 March 1887, 3rd son of Robert and Madeline, joined at outbreak of war in August 1914. Served with the **Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders**, wounded and returned home. Obtained a commission as **2nd Lieut in the Army Cyclist Corp, 1915, serving in Egypt and Palestine.**

Died: 20 May 1917 in Cairo of wounds from bombs dropped on Field Hospital where he was suffering from dysentery. **Buried in Old Cairo Cemetery.**

NORMAN STEWART BRUCE, born 1895 (**Royal Army Medical Corp**) survived the war and received **The Military Cross**. He died in 1990.

JOHN W. BRUCE, born 1891 – died 1982, was in the **Highland Light Infantry**. Same regiment as his brother Andrew. He survived but never married. He felt it was his duty to look after his sisters whose suitors were killed.

AGNES MARION WILSON BRUCE 1885-1969.

Looked after the family after death of mother in 1907.

HILDA BRUCE 1889-1967 School Teacher.

Never married after the death of her suitor in the war.

All the family were affected by the war and Judith Inch thinks it was fortunate that the mother died before 1914 and did not have the worry of five sons serving.

Sapper Walter William Clements

Grandfather* of Maggie Archer of The Old Wall House, The Street, MANUDEN
[* Paternal Grandfather]

Born Wandsworth 16 March 1896

Occupation - Electrical Engineer



Served as Sapper 36939 Royal Engineers 52nd
Lowland Division 156 Brigade and also the
Dorset Regiment.





Served in Egypt and Palestine 1915-1917 and France 1917-1918

Army Form W. 5112.

RECORD OFFICE

Sir

I am directed to transmit the accompanying **1914-15 STAR** which has been awarded to you in respect of your services with the **ROYAL ENGINEERS**

13 MAY 1920
CHATHAM.

I am to request that you will be so good as to acknowledge the receipt of the decoration on the attached form, which is to be returned to the above address in the enclosed addressed envelope, which needs no stamp.

Mr. W. Clements
228 Merton Rd.
Wandsworth

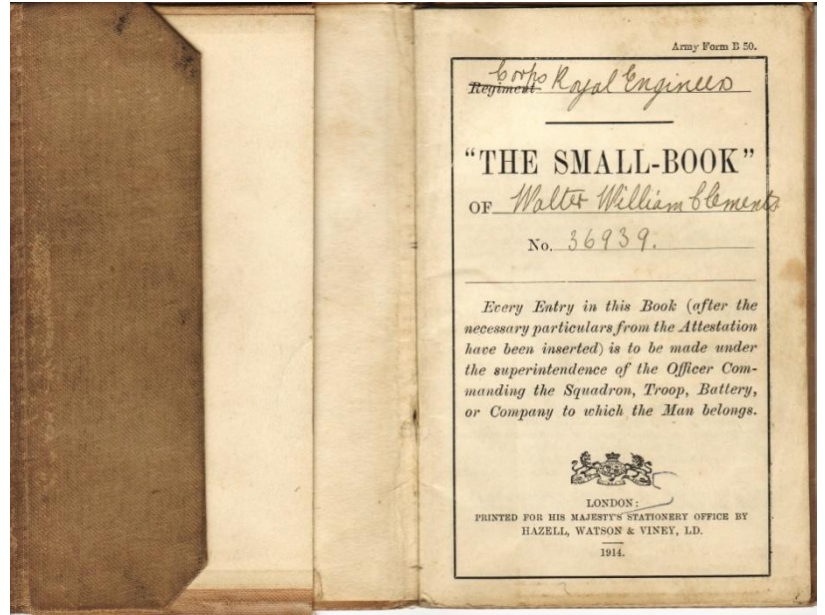
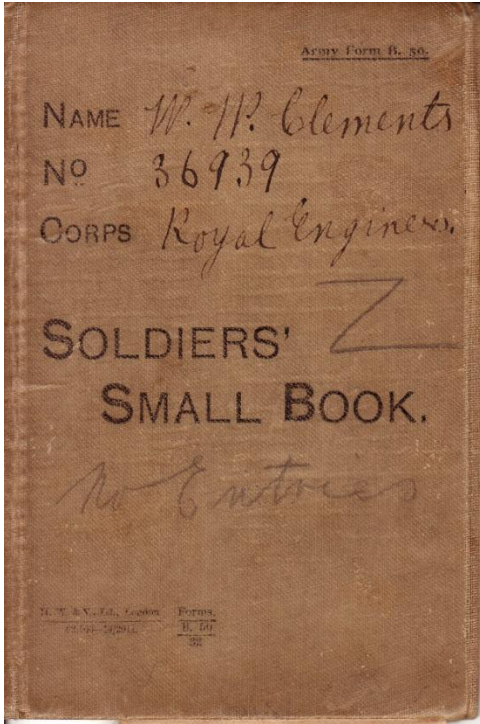
I am,
Your obedient Servant,
L. Pritchard Lt.
for Col. i/c Records. R.E.

Survived the war.

Married 3 August 1918 and had 5 children

Died 6 March 1979 in Putney

SOLDIERS' SMALL BOOK



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SOLDIER'S NAME AND DESCRIPTION ON ATTESTATION.
(REGULAR FORCES.)

Name *Walter William Clements*
Enlisted at *Battersea*
in the County of *Middlesex*
on the *7-9-1914*
at the age of *19* years *175* days
for the *Dorset Regiment*
for *3* years in the Army and *—* years in the Reserve.
Born in the Parish of *Wandsworth*
in or near the Town of *London*
in the County of *Surrey*
Trade or calling *Electrician Improver*
Last permanent residence
Height *5* feet *9* inches
Complexion *bleak*
Eyes *grey* Hair *Brown*
Marks *2 moles above right nipple*
scars on right groin.
* Religion *C. of E.*
† Signature of Soldier *W. W. Clements*

* This should be described under one of the following denominations, viz. — "Church of England," "Presbyterian," "Wesleyan," "Baptist," or "Congregational," "other Protestant denomination" (name of denomination to be noted), "Roman Catholic," or "Jew."
† Whenever a Soldier who cannot write makes his mark in acknowledgment of having received pay or allowances, etc., such mark is to be witnessed by the signature of a witness (other than the pay-serjeant).

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THE SOLDIER'S NEXT-OF-KIN NOW LIVING.
Any change becoming known is to be duly noted with the date of such change.
Note.—No entry on this page has any legal effect as a Will.

Nearest degrees of relationship.	NAMES.	Latest known address to be given in full.
1st.	Wife. —	
	Children. —	
2nd.	Father. <i>Walter George</i>	<i>4 Warple Road</i> <i>Wandsworth</i> <i>London, S.W.</i>
	Mother. —	
3rd.	Brothers† and Sisters. —	
	Nephews and nieces, if children of deceased brothers or sisters. —	
4th.	Other relations. —	

Signature of Soldier. *W. W. Clements*
Regimental number. *36939* Date of Signature. *27/5/1915*
Signature of Com-pany, etc., Commander *J. J. O'Connell*
† State whether brothers are younger or older. *Capt. R. E.*
O. B. A. Coy. R. E.

Letter from Major General John Hill - Commanding 52nd (Lowland) Division

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 52nd (LOWLAND) DIVISION!

At the end of the Year it is generally the custom to look back. The year 1917, is the 4th year of the Great War and, a great year for the Allies in EUROPE, a greater year for the British, in every part of the World, and the greatest year for the 52nd (Lowland) Division in PALESTINE.

In the attack on GAZA on the 1st November, the one Brigade, the 156th, representing the Division, was the only Brigade who took all its objectives. During the whole of our long advance through PALESTINE you have never failed me; you went, from Trench warfare to Open warfare and again to Hill warfare, always cheerful, always victorious; no matter how difficult was the operation I called upon you to carry out, you carried it out with your usual dash and Scottish determination. The whole of these operations ended in the forcing of the passage of the River AUJA, which was the hardest operation I have called upon you to undertake. The difficulties were enormous—first getting down to the River itself over waterlogged and boggy country—then the crossing of the river—a river 35 yards in breadth and varying between 12 and 14 feet in depth. In order to make matters as difficult as possible for us, it rained hard the three days previous to "THE NIGHT"—the boggy country got boggier—the river got broader and deeper.

In order to make the enterprise a surprise to the Turk, we all prayed for a wet night. What did it matter if we were wetter than we had been for the past three days? but what happened? After raining all the night before and up to midday, it began to clear up and when the time you were going to attempt your crossing and surprise arrived, there was hardly a cloud in the sky and a half moon! It looked almost impossible that the operation could be a success—however I had every confidence in you and I ordered the crossing to be carried out. The result, now everyone knows, including the Turk, who had the greatest surprise of his life. By good discipline there was not a sound—eight battalions of stout-hearted Scots crossed, and an attack on an extremely strong fortified position covering a front of 7000 yards was commenced under the best barrage that Scottish Artillery have ever put up. Even then the attack was not bound to succeed—by no means. In order for that attack to succeed it meant every Officer, every N.C.O. and every Man meant to win through; and that is why the Lowland Division that night won through, because everyone meant to win through. Scottish endurance, determination and pluck carried THE

NIGHT. By dawn I was able to report that we had taken every objective—a magnificent performance—a fitting ending to our triumphal progress through PALESTINE.

This applies not only to the Infantry, who have borne the burden of the fight, but to the Artillery, without whom the Infantry could have done nothing, and to the R. E. (think of the River AUJAI), the Divisional Train, without whom we should have starved, and our Lowland Ambulances, who have worked day and night in looking after our wounded. Our Signal Company, who have on every occasion been instrumental in keeping up communication which means everything in success.

YOU can all be proud of what you have done—I can assure you that I am.

I said that at the end of a year it is generally the custom to look back. Now, I am going to look forward.

A Company, a Battalion, a Brigade and a Division wins a great name for itself by what it does in War; but it can lose it very easily by what it does while there is no fighting going on. Don't forget that all men, no matter whether they are Commanders—in—Chief or Private soldiers, have very short memories. Everyone now is talking of the 52nd Division—what a splendid Division they are etc. etc.

I hate to have to look in to the FUTURE, but I do so with a great purpose—a purpose over which I have no power, neither I as Divisional Commander, nor your Brigadiers, nor your Commanding Officers, nor your Company Commanders, in short, no one—except yourselves.

By real hard fighting, determination, and Scottish pluck during two months you have won yourselves a great name. By drunkenness and insubordination you can lose that fine name in as many hours!!! You have clenched your teeth and fought. I ask you now to clench your teeth and observe discipline—if you will, I know you can.

I thank you all and I wish you one & all a Happy New Year, and the very best of luck during 1918.

HERE'S TAE US—WHA'S LIKE US!

(Sgd) JOHN HILL

MAJOR GENERAL

Commanding 52nd (Lowland) Division

1st January 1918

Spr. W. Clements
156. Brigade
R. E.

Charles Antoine De Guerry Dalglish

Great Uncle* of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street, MANUDEN
[* Paternal Grandfather's Brother]

Born 11 February 1883

In Goulburn Mulwaree, NSW Australia

1st Battalion, Black Watch

1st Infantry Brigade, 1st Division

British Expeditionary Force

Killed in Action

Battle of the Marne

8 September 1914

Aged 31

Buried in Sablonnières, Dept Seine et Marne, Ile de



France



Charles joined 3rd Battalion The Royal Perth Militia in 1900 before being commissioned into 1st Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) on 5 January 1901. He served in the Boer War in South Africa 1901-02, where he took part in operations in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, and for his services he received the Queen's South Africa Medal (with four clasps).

He was promoted to Lieutenant on 29 October 1903. While serving in 1st Battalion at The Curragh in Ireland in 1906, he was captain of the Battalion's Rifle Shooting Team which won the King's Cup. In 1905 he married Carline Purves at Brompton Oratory, London, and they had three daughters. He was promoted to

Captain on 8 January 1910.

Charles' Battalion was based at Aldershot with the 1st (Guards) Brigade when the German Army mobilised and invaded neutral Belgium in August 1914. 1st Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) entered France on 14 August 1914 as part of

the British Expeditionary Force (BEF), and it formed part of the defensive screen along the Mons-Conde Canal to hold back the German's advance toward Paris. In command of 'B' Company Charles was mortally wounded very early in a battle near the German-held village of Sablonnières on 8 September 1914 while leading his men from the front, and died of wounds the following day. "Captain Dalglish was one of 19 British soldiers who fell when they engaged a party of German Jaeger Guards who were part of the German rearguard trying to stop the allied advance across the Marne. All 19 – ten of whom were from Charles' Battalion – are buried in the Sablonnières Communal Cemetery at Seine-et-Marne."

In England, Charles is commemorated: in Shrewsbury Cathedral; and on the wall of St George's Chapel, Westminster Cathedral, London; and on the War Memorial at Roehampton University, London. In Australia, on 9 July 2014 he was honoured with his name being added to the Australian War Memorial's Commemorative Roll and his name placed on the Australian National War Memorial, Canberra – he was the second Australian-born member of the British Army to be killed in the First World War (the first Australian uniformed troops were killed at Bitia Plaka in German New Guinea on 11 September 1914).

Lieutenant Commander Kenneth Park Dalglish

Great Uncle* of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street, MANUDEN

Entered the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1903, near his 15th birthday. He served throughout the War in the Royal Australian Navy. He commanded HMAS Torrens (a Torpedo Boat Destroyer), commissioned 3rd July 1916, in which he saw service in the Far East, Indian Ocean and Adriatic.



Commander Robin Campsie Dalglish

Great Uncle* of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street, MANUDEN

Entered the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1895. He served throughout the War on the battleship HMS Canada, including at the Battle of Jutland.

Promoted Captain in 1918, he served in various appointments ashore and afloat, including Captain of HMS Barham and of HMS Ganges, and Commodore of the Atlantic Fleet Destroyer Flotillas (flying his flag in HMS Centaur).

A fine swordsman, he represented Great Britain at the Olympic Games of 1920 and 1924.

As Rear Admiral he commanded HM Australian Squadron 1932-34, and was appointed CB in 1933.



Victoria Louise Dalglish-Bellasis

Great Aunt of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street, MANUDEN

Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, served in the Royal Flying Corps/Royal Air Force 1918-19.



Lt Cdr William A Dye MBE R.N.V.R

Paternal Grandfather of Janie Watson, Cedars, The Street, MANUDEN

Commander William A. Dye was appointed to the Admiralty in 1898 when Commander Dye served as P.A. to the captain in the Second Sea Lord's Office continuously until December 1939.

During the 1914 War he was commissioned a Lieut.Cdr. and was posted to the Royal Navy's Armoured Division, serving in France and Belgium under the Duke of Westminster. Then to Russia with Commander Locker Hampson's Division of Armoured Cars, and saw service on the Persian, Rumanian, and Galician fronts, and on the Turkish and Austrian fronts, and as a naval transport officer in the Mediterranean.



He was arrested by Bolsheviks during the revolution in Petrograd, and after escape to England in 1918, joined the naval transport service serving in Italy as Naval Transport Officer in charge at Geneva, Fiume and Trieste, being demobilised in 1920.



On the reverse of this postcard is written *"This is the Hotel Astoria Petrograd, my room is below the arrow. Nearly all the windows are riddled by bullets and the big windows on the ground floor are now boarded up' Russian Revolution 1917"*



Commander Dye survived both World Wars although he suffered from frostbite in his hands which he incurred on the voyages to Russia.

He died, aged 84, in Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey in 1963



Decorations:-

1. Member of the British Empire
2. WW1 1914 Star Medal
3. 1914-18 War Medal
4. 1918 Victory Medal
5. Territorial Army Efficiency Medal
6. Russian Order of St Stanislaus
7. Russian Order of St Vladimir
8. Italian Order of St Maurice and St Lazarus

Gunner Benjamin Edwards

Great Uncle* of Vaughan Edwards, The Orangery, MANUDEN

[* Paternal Grandfather's brother]

Born in Clynderwen, son of Rees and Mary Edwards of Gwynfryn.

He enlisted in Llanelli into **Royal Garrison Artillery**, 290th Siege Battery.

Gunner 150601, Benjamin Edwards was Killed in Action at the Battle of Passchendaele on 26 August 1917 aged 30.

REMEMBERED IN TALANA FARM CEMETERY

Rees Edwards

Great Grandfather of Vaughan Edwards, The Orangery, MANUDEN

Joined the **Pioneer Corp** attached to the **Royal Welsh Fusiliers** 1916.

He trained in Porthcawl and sailed from Devonport to Salonika and the Macedonian front where he remained until the end of the war.

Corporal Arthur Hague

Uncle* of Fiona Bengtsen of The Bury, MANUDEN

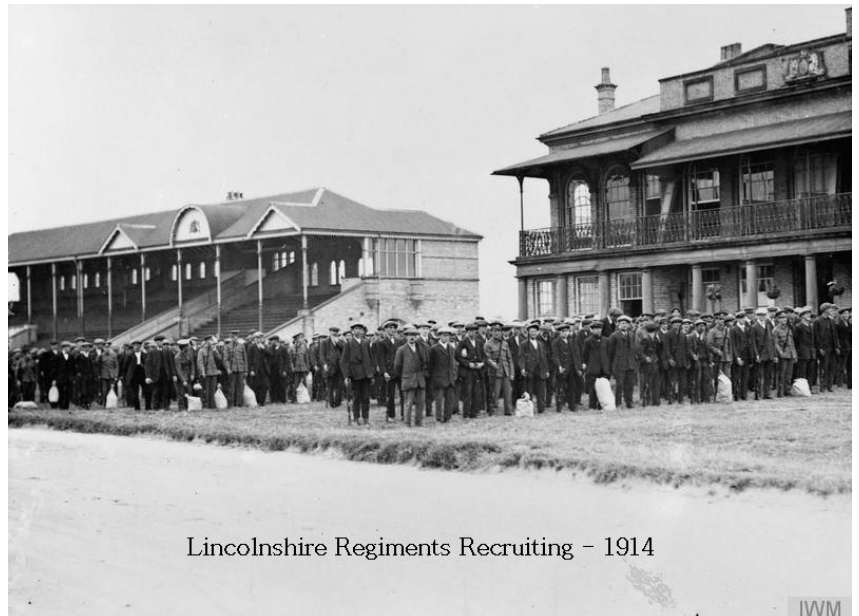
[*Mother's eldest brother.]

Born Ruskington, Lincs. 1899

Eldest son of Thomas Hague,
Farmer

Enlisted when 16 years old

3330 Lincolnshire Regiment and
transferred to **204276 West
Yorkshire Regiment** promoted to
Corporal



Farmer's son Arthur was given permission for leave to help with the harvest.

He had served in France in the trenches** and attacked his father with a pitchfork. An early example of PTSD. He had no idea what his son had witnessed.

Arthur survived the War.

Died December 1932



Lincolnshire Regiment Cap Badge - WW1

**Burnt Records are surviving records from the Archives in London. This was bombed during Second World War and many records were burnt or completely destroyed.

General Sir Richard Byrne Haking GBE, KCB, KCMG

Great Uncle of Nigell D'Oyly of Adams Gate, Mallows Green Road, MANUDEN

Born in Halifax Yorkshire 24 January 1862

Son of a clergyman

Attended Sandhurst

Commissioned into the **67th South Hampshire Regiment of Foot.**

In First World War he Commanded the **1st Div. XI Corps** on Western Front, Italy 1917-18 and Flanders in April 1918 to the end of the War.



Armistice Commissioner

Died 9 June 1945

Sergent Major Pierre Marie Hamon

Grandfather* of John Archer of The Old Wall House, The Street, MANUDEN
[* Paternal Grandfather]

Born 1892 in Paris

Married with three children

Conscripted for 3 yrs in August 1911 and eventually served 8 years!

Enlisted in **French Army 103rd Infantry**

Rose through the ranks to become Sergent Major in **38th Infantry**

Pierre fought in various campaigns from 4 August 1914 to 27 July 1919

He was at the Front from start of his campaigns serving in Verdun and the surrounding area.

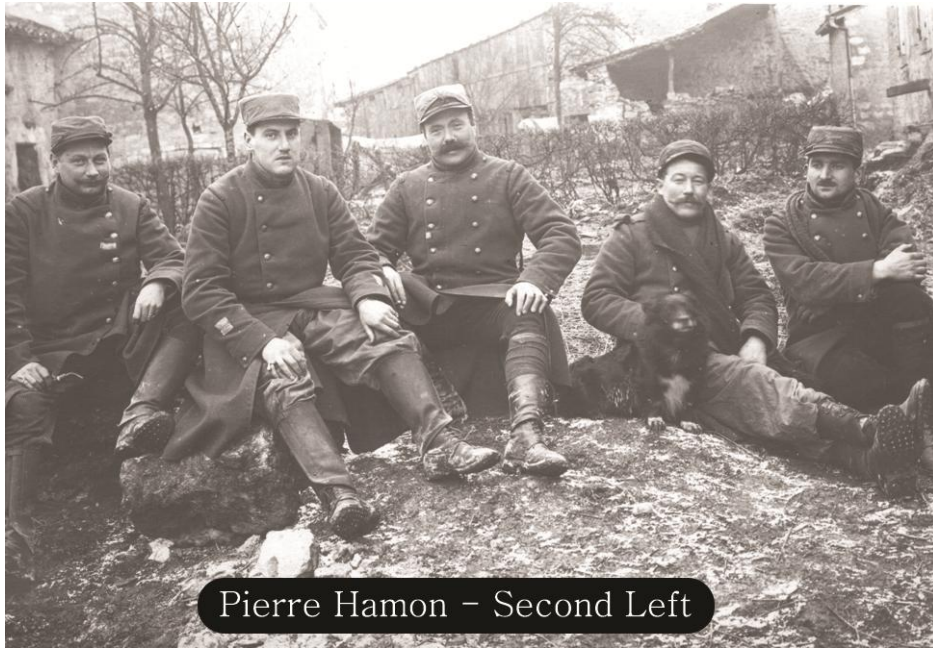


Pierre Hamon
3rd from left



Pierre Hamon - far left

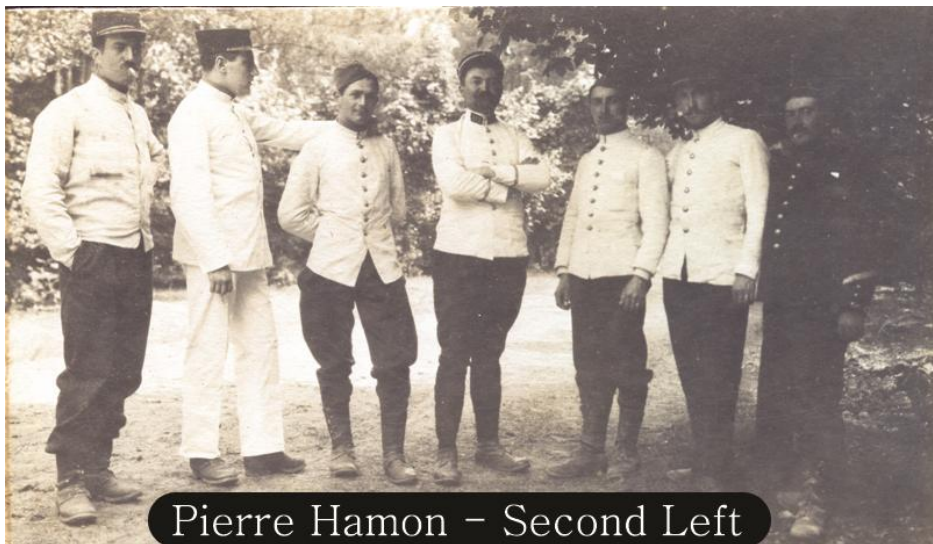
He was head of his section and his record states that he had a 'good attitude under fire'



Pierre Hamon - Second Left



Pierre Hamon - Second Right



Pierre Hamon - Second Left

Nom : Hamon **CC n° 8581611-6-29**
Prénoms : Pierre Marie Charles **CC n° 8581611-6-29**
Numéro matricule du recrutement : 1330
Classe de mobilisation : 1^{er} 27/10/1914

ÉTAT CIVIL.
 Né le 3 janvier 1892 à Paris, canton de la 8^e Arrondissement, département de la Seine, résidant à Paris 16 boulevard de Grenelle, canton de 15^e Arrondissement, département de la Seine.
 Profession de journaliste-journaliste.
 Fils de Franck Théodore et de Klementz Alice, domiciliés à Paris 16 boulevard de Grenelle, canton de 15^e Arrondissement, département de la Seine.
 Marié à

SIGNALEMENT.
 Cheveux : châtain
 Yeux : marrons
 Taille : 1 m 70 centimètres
 Taille rectifiée : 1 m 70 centimètres
 Marque particulière :

DÉCISION DU CONSEIL DE REVISION ET MOTIFS.
 Inscrit sous le n° 24 de la liste du canton de 15^e Arrondissement.
 Classé dans la 3^e partie de la liste en 1913.
 Classé dans la 1^{re} partie de la liste en 1938.

DÉTAIL DES SERVICES ET MUTATIONS DIVERSES.
 Engagé pour 3 ans le 10/10/1914 à la Mairie de Paris.
 Arrivé au corps le 10/10/1914 (arrêté de la loi du 21 Mars 1905).
 Soldat de 1^{re} Classe le 27 février 1915 - Homme-laboratoire le 26 septembre 1915 - Homme-agent fourrage le 1^{er} Octobre 1915 - Homme-agent Mader le 1^{er} Août 1916 - Poste de 1^{er} Aloué d'infanterie le 15 janvier 1918 - 1^{er} de précipitation de la voie de fer le 14/11/1918 du 27 janvier 1918.
 Démobilisé par le 1^{er} Escadron de train du 2^e M.A. le 27 juillet 1919 - Escadron - M.Holl.
 se retire à Paris (16^e arr.) 10 Rue Etienne.
 affecté au 1^{er} Escadron de train (auto) Plans.
 affecté par le 1^{er} au 2^e esc. de train auto.
 passé à la classe de rés. le 29 Juin 1938 d. l. n. 17, 18. Démobilisé au mois de 16^e train auto le 9 juillet 1938. Classé "Sans affectation" le 27/7/38.

ARMÉES SUCCESSIVES HABITÉES PAR SUITE DE CHANGEMENTS DE DOMICILE OU DE RESIDENCE.

Dates	Communes	Subdivisions de régions	D. domicile	R. résidence
1914-1918	Paris (16 ^e)	Paris		
1918-1919	Paris (16 ^e)	Paris		
1919-1938	Paris (16 ^e)	Paris		

ANTÉCÉDENTS JUDICIAIRES ET CONDAMNATIONS.

CAMPAGNES.
 Cambes avec armée au 1^{er} août 1914 au 27 juillet 1919

BLESSURES, CITATIONS, DÉCORATIONS, ETC.
 1^{er} au 1^{er} esc. d'inf. du 21 novembre 1918 "au front derrière le défilé de la campagne. Belle attitude au feu"
 166 8581

PÉRIODES D'EXERCICES.

ÉPOQUE à laquelle l'homme doit passer dans :	DATE de la SÉRIATION du service militaire.
la réserve de l'armée active.	2 Août 1914
l'armée territoriale.	1 ^{er} Octobre 1924
la réserve de l'armée territoriale.	1 ^{er} Octobre 1930
	2 Août 1936

Ne remplir ce tableau que pour les hommes dont les services ont l'objet d'un décret spécial (engagés, sous-officiers, etc.).

He survived World War 1, became a reservist in 1914 was finally released from his military service in 1938. Pierre Hamon died in Paris in 1945.



Painting of the church in Pintheville, dated 1915, brought back from the front by Pierre Hamon



Brass Cap Peak awarded to all soldiers who survived
"Soldat de la Grande Guerre"
"1914 - 1918"

This belonged to Pierre Hamon and was worn over the peak of his "kepi" during parades.

George Willam Hannington

Grandfather of Sheila Hannington's husband Roger, Mailers Lane, MANUDEN

Born 1881 in Hammersmith, London

Married to Sarah Fanny Cassell

Two children Robert George and Grace Frances.

Served in:

**11th Bn Rifle Brigade and
S/24907 1st Rifle Brigade**

Killed in Action 28 March, 1918 aged 37

He left a wife and two children

Remembered on ARRAS MEMORIAL



WAR DIARY SUMMARY CAMBRAI ROAD SECTOR 1918 Jan 1st to 3rd.

The Bn was in the front line having taken one from the 1st Bn Somerset Lt Infantry in the night of December 30-31 1917. The town was quite quiet except for the enemy's trench mortar which were intermittently active throughout the period. The disposition of the battalion was as follows: One company in the front line on the left, and a company on the right etc.

ARRAS 4 to 7 Jan 1918

On the night of the 3rd and 4th the battalion was relieved by the Household Battalion 10th Brigade and marched back to billets in Schramm Barracks, Arras. On 6th the btn held Christmas Day. There was a short service in the 1st Divisional Cinema Hut. From 2 pm to 4.30 pm The Follies gave a special performance for the Btn. The dinner was at 5.30 pm and was a great success in every way. The Officers' dinner was held at 8 pm. On 7th the Bn moved to Bois de Bologne Camp

BOIS DE BOLOGNE 8 - 11 Jan.1918

The weather was exceptionally cold throughout the period. on the third night the party was shelled getting into position too early this resulted in ten casualties. One killed, two died of wounds and six wounded. (this appears to be one short!)

The Arras Memorial commemorates more than 34,700 'missing' men. They died in the battles of Arras from 1916 to 1918, but their bodies could not be recovered. Their graves were unrecorded, lost or destroyed in the fighting or their remains could not be identified. They are buried beneath a headstone bearing the inscription 'Known Unto God'.

Phase: the First Battle of Arras, 28 March 1918

First Army (Horne)

XIII Corps (de Lisle)

56th (1st London) Division.

Third Army (Byng)

IV Corps (Harper)

41st Division

42nd (East Lancashire) Division

62nd (2nd West Riding) Division

New Zealand Division

4th Brigade of 4th Australian Division.

V Corps (Fanshawe)

2nd Division

12th (Eastern) Division.

VI Corps (Haldane)

Guards Division

3rd Division

31st Division

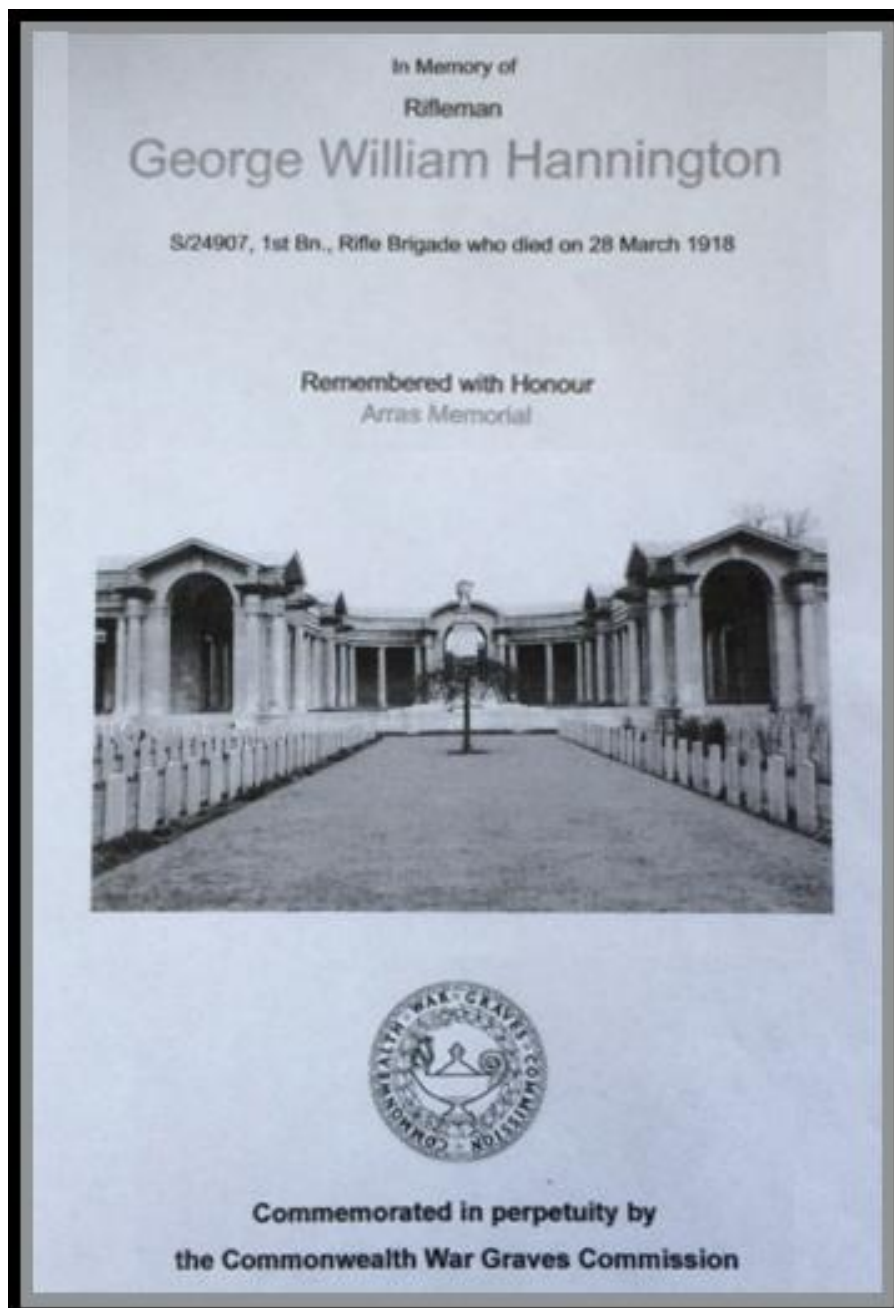
2nd Canadian Division

97th Brigade of 32nd Division.

XVII Corps (Fergusson)

4th Division

15th (Scottish) Division.



Lieutenant Cecil Claud Alexander Hardie

Grandfather* of Peter Heap of Willowbee, MANUDEN
[*Paternal Grandfather]

Promoted to: T/MAJOR C.C.A.HARDIE



LAND FORCES CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS



Recruitment C.C.A. Hardie, front row – second from left



C.C.A. Hardie seated left

CITATION FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER – DSO

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	<i>at His</i> <i>Buckingham Palace</i>	<i>34</i>		
THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ANY ENQUIRY RESPECTING THIS TELEGRAM.				Received here at
<i>Major Claud Hardie Electric</i> <i>House Linsbury Pavement</i>				<i>M.</i>
<p><i>Your attendance is required at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday next the sixteenth inst at eleven thirty o'clock am service dress please telegraph acknowledgment</i></p> <p><i>Lord Chamberlain London</i></p>				

George R. I.

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond
the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor
of India, Sovereign of the Distinguished Service
Order, to our Trusty, and Well beloved
Cecil Claud Alexander Hardie, Esquire.
Temporary Major in Our Army.



Greeting

Whereas We have thought fit to
Nominate and Appoint you to be a Member
of Our Distinguished Service Order We
do by these Presents Grant unto you the
Dignity of a Companion of Our said Order
And we do hereby authorize you to Have,
Hold and Enjoy the said Dignity as a
Member of Our said Order, together with
all and singular the Privileges thereunto
belonging or appertaining.

Given at Our Court at St. James's
under Our Sign Manual this First
day of January 1918 in the
Eighth Year of Our Reign.

By The Sovereign's Command.

Herby

Temporary Major
C. C. A. Hardie,
Royal Engineers,
attached 122nd
Field Company.

The Principal Secretary of State
having the Department of War
for the time being.

Temporary Major in our Army. January 1918

Temporary.

George R. I.
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George *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c.*

To Our Trusty and well-beloved *Cecil Claud Alexander Hardie* Greeting:
 We, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage, and good Conduct, do by these Presents constitute and Appoint you to be an Officer in Our *Land* Forces from the *Third* day of *November* 1914. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge your Duty as such in the Rank of *Lieutenant* or in such higher Rank as We may from time to time hereafter be pleased to promote or appoint you to, of which a notification will be made in the London Gazette, and you are at all times to exercise and well discipline in Arms both the inferior Officers and Men serving under you, and use your best endeavours to keep them in good Order and Discipline. And We do hereby Command them to Obey you as their superior Officer, and you to observe and follow such Orders and Directions as from time to time you shall receive from Us, or any your superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you.

Given at Our Court, at Saint James's, the *Thirtieth* day of *October* 1914, in the *Fifth* Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

Cecil Claud Alexander Hardie
 Lieutenant
 Land Forces

R. W. Wade

C. C. A. Hardie
 Lieutenant
 Land Forces
 Temporary.
 Corps of Royal
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The War of 1914-1918.

Royal Engineers

T/Maj. C.C.A. Hardie,

was mentioned in a Despatch from

General Sir Douglas Haig, G.C.B., K.C.I.E., K.C.V.O., A.D.C.

dated 13th November 1916.

for gallant and distinguished services in the Field.

*I have it in command from the King to record His Majesty's
high appreciation of the services rendered.*

Lionel S. Curzon

Secretary of State for War.

*War Office
Whitehall, S.W.
1st March 1919.*



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L/Cpl Horace W Hardy

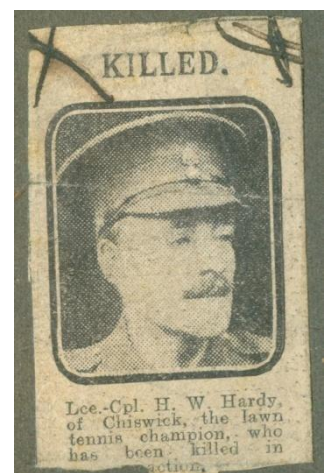
Great Great Uncle* of Matthew Hardy, The Downs, MANUDEN
[* Paternal Great Grandfather's brother]

Born 1886 and died 20 September 1917 aged 31.

Horace Hardy was the youngest son of William and Clara Hardy, born in Shepherd's Bush, and followed his father William into the hosiery trade. His mother Clara had nine children, though several died in infancy.

By 1911 Horace's father had died and the family moved to Mary's Grove, Chiswick. Two years later Horace is recorded renting a room at number 15.

He joined **the 2/7th (City of London) Battalion of the London Regiment**. The 2/7th crossed to Le Havre at the end of January 1917 and joined the rest of the 58th Division at Lucheux in February. The Allied force engaged the German Army as it retreated to the Hindenburg Line. He then fought in the Battle of Arras, Second Battle of Bullecourt from 3 May to 17 May 1917 when the attack was called off. The 58th then moved to Ypres and on **20 September took part in the Battle of Menin Road Ridge**.



Success meant that ground could be retaken from Germans in Flanders. Horace was one of 3,148 Allied soldiers killed during the battle, dying on the first day in the attack of Gravenstafel.

His body was never found. Horace is commemorated at the **Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres** for his part in the war.

David Harries

Great Uncle* of Vaughan Edwards, The Orangery, MANUDEN.

[*Grandmother's Brother]

David was in the **Machine Gun Corps** and was, according to family legend, one of the **first soldiers to drive a tank.**

Private Charles Henry Higgs

Great Uncle* of Jenny Burgess, ex of MANUDEN now of Wicken Bonhunt

[*Grandmother's Brother]

Born in Birmingham Warwickshire in 1888.

Emigrated to Fremantle Western Australia with his parents and seven brothers and sisters.

Enlisted in the **14th Australian Machine Gun Company**

Died on 24 September 1916 at the Somme

Buried in Rue-David Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix

L/Cpl William Higgs

Great Uncle* of Jenny Burgess, ex of MANUDEN now of Wicken Bonhunt

[*Grandmother's Brother]

Born in Lutterworth, Leicestershire in 1895

Emigrated to Fremantle, Western Australia in 1911

Enlisted in the **45th Australian Infantry Battalion** on



LCE.-CPL. WILLIAM HIGGS.
Killed in action August 6.

24 July 1915 aged 20

Died on 6 August 1916 at the Somme, he was 21 years old

Commemorated at Villers-Bettonneux Memorial

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D 15869 **AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.**

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

LIVERPOOL

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2841 Name HIGGS W
D15869 Unit 9. REIN. 13 BATT
Joined on 24/7/15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? William Higgs
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Leicester in or near the Town of Leicestershire in the County of Leicestershire
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural Born
4. What is your age? 21 years 3 months
5. What is your trade or calling? Labourer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Mother Clara Higgs 77 1/2 Ford Street South West Australia
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach eight shillings per day? Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? Yes

I, William Higgs do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

*And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife three-fifths wife and children

Date 26/7/15 William Higgs
Signature of person enlisted.

*This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

Charles and William Higgs were brothers.

Sapper Leonard Howlings

Great Uncle* of Roger Foulds Pinchpools Farm, MANUDEN
[*Grandmother's Brother]

Born 1895 in Wormegay, Norfolk

Served as

Sapper in Royal Engineers
26410 RE 1st Fld Squadron



Died of Wounds 18 January 1916 Aged 21

Buried in Vermelles British Cemetery Pas de Calais, Nord, France
20 January 1916

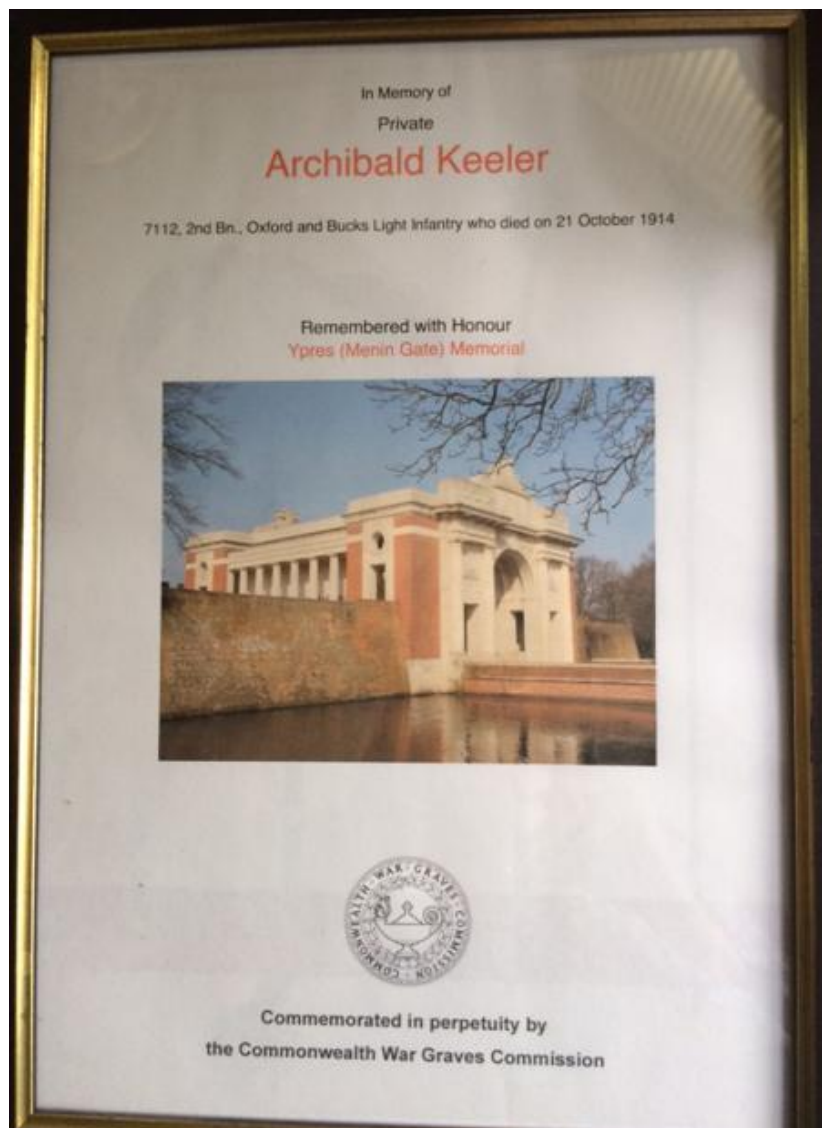
Private Archibald Keeler

Uncle of Sally Moser, Mallows Green, MANUDEN

He served in Belgium

7112 2nd Bn The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

He was killed in action on 21 October 1914 aged 26 and is remembered on the
MENIN GATE MEMORIAL



He left a wife Maudie Keeler and three year old daughter Maudie Gladys

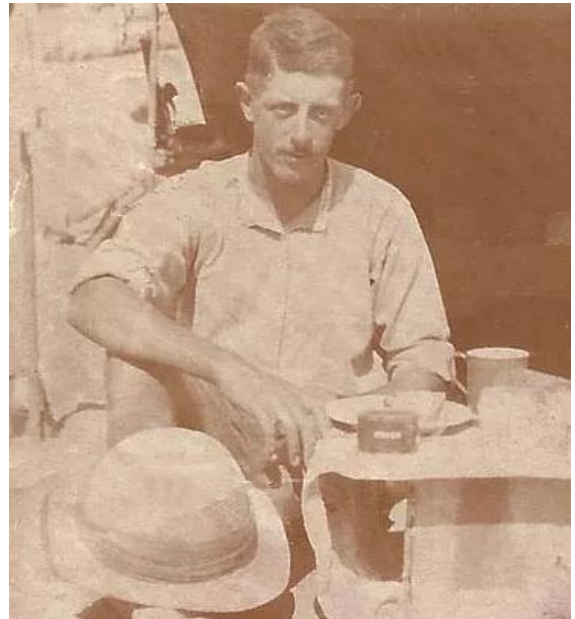
Albert Ernest Luxton

Cousin of Jenny Burgess' father Sydney Luxton

Born in Torrington N. Devon in 1889.

Married with two children, a son Morley born nine months before he signed up to join the **North Devonshire Regiment**

The **North Devonshire Regiment** was the basis of the play and film **WAR HORSE**.
Albert later join the **Royal North Devon Hussars** a Mounted Regiment.



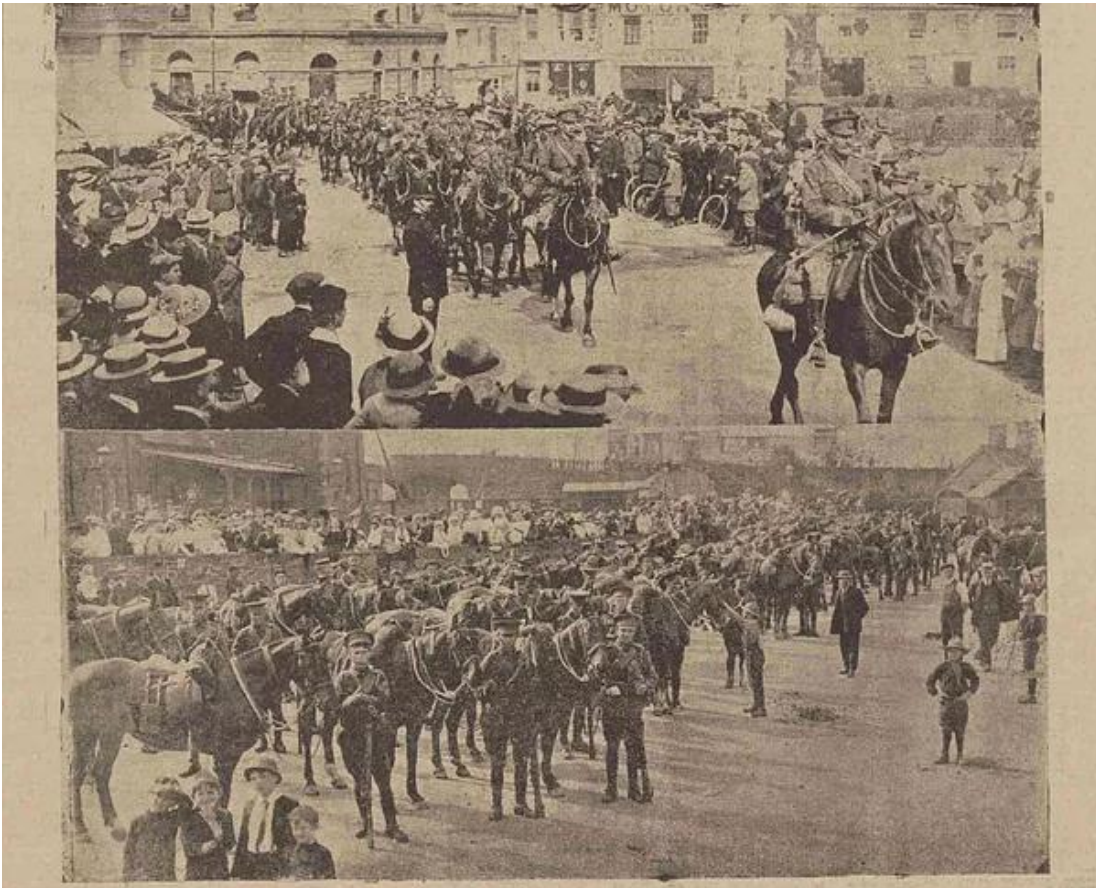
Letter from Luxton to his wife

Albert was on active duty in Palestine and he died on 3 December 1917 aged 28 whilst fighting during the Battle of Jerusalem and the attack on El Foka.

Buried in Plot E Grave 96 The Jerusalem War Cemetery, Palestine (now the West Bank, Israel).



Also remembered on his parents' headstone in Torrington Cemetery.



The Royal North Devon Hussars leaving Barnstaple. Every man has volunteered for active service.

PHOTO BY KNIGHT BROS., BARNSTAPLE.

Thomas Henry Edward Marsh

Grandfather of Roger Foulds of Pinchpools Farm, MANUDEN

Born 17 March 1886 in Dorset

Enlisted in the **Dorset Yeomanry**
22 March 1913,

This was not unusual for farmers
at this time.

It was a Territorial Unit and
members volunteered for
service abroad in 1915.



He should have been posted to
Gallipoli on 30 July 1915 but a
fractured ankle meant that he was unable to ride a horse.

The Yeomanry also served on The Western Front, Salonika and Egypt.

Survived the War

Died in March 1976 in Bishops Stortford

Lieutenant Hugh Shedden Moser (M.C.)

Relative of ROBIN MOSER of MALLOWS GREEN, MANUDEN

Born 1889

Served in the **London Regiment (2/17) Battalion (Poplar & Stepney Rifles)**

At the outbreak of war, he was working as a Stock Broker in the City, many city
brokers joined at the same time, in the same Regiment.

Served in France and Flanders.

Lieut. Moser was awarded the Military Cross (M.C.)

*'for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of the centre front
company in the capture of Messines Wytschaerte Ridge on Sept 28-29 1918. He
organised an attack and capture of a farm in the morning and in the evening, when
it was pitch dark, kept continuous control of the advance of the company under
difficult conditions, through barbed wire and shellholes, under constant machine gun
and shell fire, never once losing direction.'*

2/17th Battalion London Regiment (Poplar and Stepney Rifles, from Aug 1914 in London

Jan 1915 moved to Reigate to join 180th Brigade of 60th division then to St Albans and Bishop's Stortford.

Jan 1916 moved to Sutton Veny

23 June 1916 mobilised for war and landed at Le Havre.

Nov 1916 to Salonika. The Battle of Doiran.

June 1917 to Egypt. Palestine Campaign:

3rd Battle of Gaza, Capture and defence of Jerusalem.

1918 Capture of Jericho, battle of Tell'Asur, trans-Jordan raid, attack on Amman, second trans-Jordan raid.

27.5.1918 deployed to France

30.6.1918 moved to Audruicq

1918 The Battle of Ypres, Battle of Courtrai

11.11.1918 Ended war at Flobecq east of Renaix, Belgium

Citation for Military Cross presented by: HM KING GEORGE V on 15 March 1919 is for exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy.

Died 1971



[Infirmiere Yvonne Neumayer \(later Llewelyn-Roberts\)](#)

Great Aunt* of John Archer of The Old Wall House, The Street, MANUDEN
[* Maternal Grandmother's sister]

Born Paris 1896

Yvonne Neumayer was at finishing school in Lindau Germany at the outbreak of war. Along with a British nun and a few other non-German girls she escaped in a rowboat across lake Constance and found refuge in Switzerland. Her family in Paris told her to stay where she was, living with family friends. Whilst in Switzerland she trained as a nurse and worked in the sanatoriums treating wounded allied soldiers, especially officers, who were sent there to recover from gas attacks, shell shock etc. Whilst there she treated a certain British officer **Lieutenant Wilton Llewellyn-Roberts** whom she subsequently married.

After the war they moved to Paris where she continued in nursing as the head "infirmiere" at the Georges V luxury hotel. At the outbreak of WW2 Yvonne went back into the nursing service driving an ambulance around Paris and into the so called unoccupied zone, Vichy France, smuggling mail and allied escapees. She was tipped off that Germans had their eyes on her so she escaped to London where she worked in the future President Charles De Gaulle's London HQ.

Sadly in 1944 she was killed in London by a German bomb and is buried in Kensington Cemetery.

[Lieutenant Wilton Llewellyn-Roberts](#) served in the Army Service Corps (ASC) and was in the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) of 1914. We have not yet been able to find out how he found himself in Switzerland.

[Commander Arthur Edward Silvertop RN](#)

Husband of a Great Aunt of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street, MANUDEN

He was killed in action on the battleship HMS Defence at the Battle of Jutland 31st May 1916, aged 38.

He is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial.



Captain Albert Leslie Stephen, D.S.O. Scots Guards

Great Uncle of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street, MANUDEN

Born 3 Feb 1879 Pimlico, London.

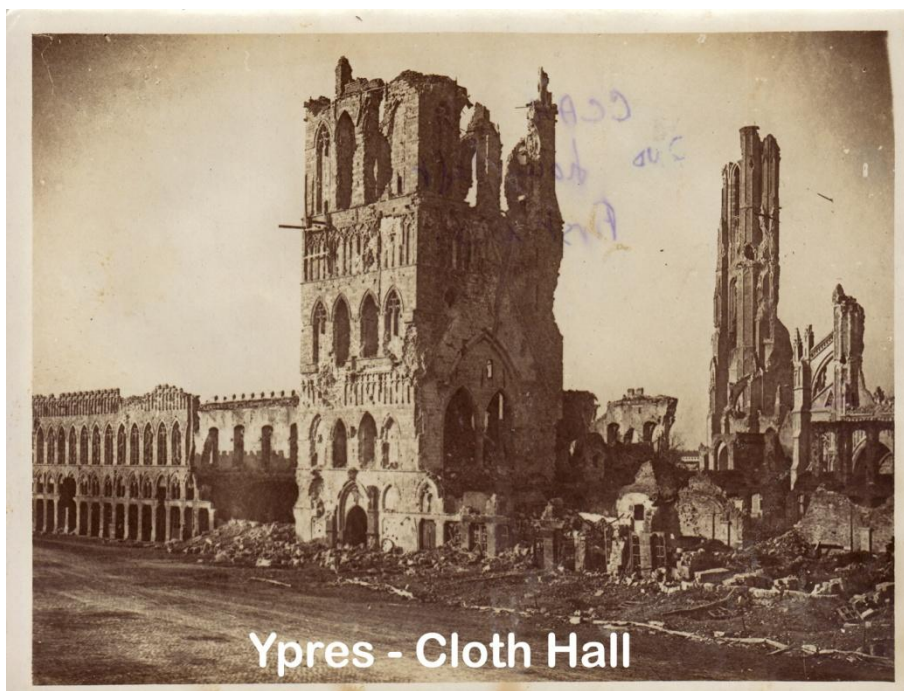
Albert was professional soldier, and never married.

Scots Guards

Died 1914



At the age of nineteen Stephen became a 2nd Lieutenant in the Scots Guards and remained with that regiment for his military career. He served in South Africa in the Boer War and received the Distinguished Service Order, typically awarded to officers ranked major or higher, but occasionally awarded to especially valorous junior officers. In August 1914 the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guard embarked for France, joining the 1st Brigade of the 1st Division of the British Expeditionary Force. They took part in some of the major defensive battles of the initial few months of the war. Stephen was listed in Sir John French's Dispatch of 8th October. On 29th October Stephen sustained wounds during the Battle of Gheluvelt and died a few days later in Ypres.



Ypres - Cloth Hall

Captain Douglas Clinton Leslie Stephen, Grenadier Guards

Great Uncle of Charles Dalglish of Glebe House, The Street, MANUDEN

b. 7 Feb 1877 Glenfield, Leics.

Douglas was a professional soldier, and never married.

2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards

Died 1914

*Died of wounds received in action on the 10th September, 1914 at the **Battle of the Marne**. He was born on the 7th February 1877 and in May 1900 received his commission from the Militia, with which he had served for four months. He took part in the South African War, being present at operations in the Orange River Colony, Cape Colony, and Transvaal, including the actions at Wittebergen. He received the Queen's medal with three clasps and the King's medal with two clasps. He was promoted Lieutenant in November 1903, and Captain in June 1908. From April 1908, to March, 1909, he was employed with the Macedonian Gendarmerie, and from December 1909 to January 1911, was A.D.C. to the General Officer Commanding London District.*

7 - 10 September 1914. The pivotal moment of the Great War that reversed the German advance. The BEF had been in constant retreat since its initial encounter with the Germans at Mons on 23rd August 1914, usually marching over 20 miles each day. Eventually it became clear that the German pursuit was losing focus as it struggled to maintain momentum and an opportunity was spotted (with the help of the innovative use of aircraft) to hit the German flank as it passed by Paris. The shock of the attack by the French 6th Army coupled with the stand on the River Marne, created the conditions for self doubt in the German High Command and the order to disengage and retreat was given.

Albert and Douglas were brothers.



Rifleman Sidney Stratford

Uncle of Douglas Stratford of Primrose Cottage, MANUDEN

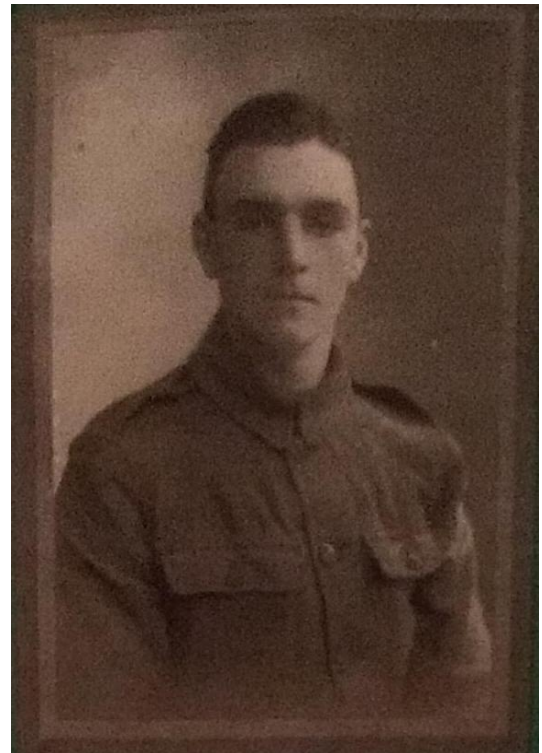
Born 24 April 1898

Served in **472522 12th Bn. London Regiment
(The Rangers)** 1916

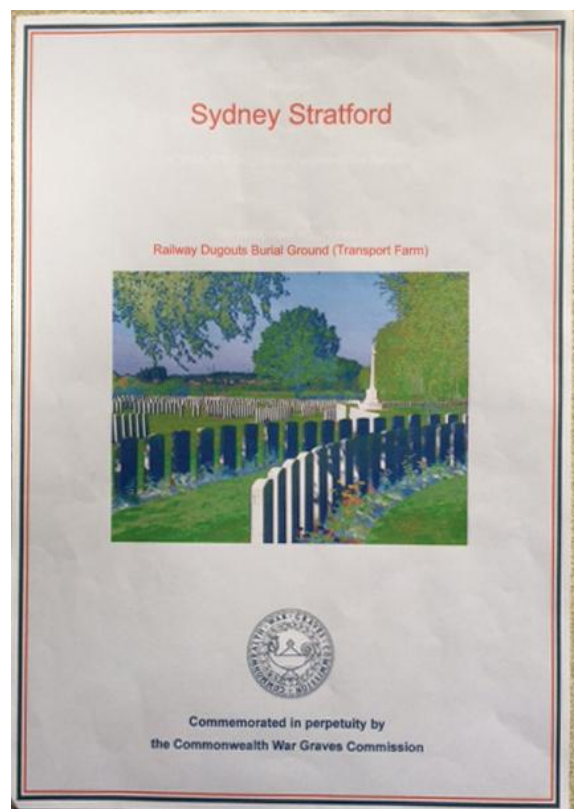
Killed in Action 14 December 1917 in
Poelcappelle, north of Ypres, aged 19

Remembered with Honour - Railway Dugouts
Burial Ground
(Transport Farm)

The family have found the exact place where he
died, only a few feet from the trenches, close to
Zonnebeke, not far from Passendale



It is interesting to note that Australian and Canadian Soldiers were killed on the
same day in the same trenches.



Captain Moubray St Andrew Thornton St John

Grandfather of Deborah Patrick of Berden

Born in 1877 in Herefordshire

Moubray served in the Boar War and in 1902 was Lieutenant in the **King's Own Scottish Borderers**.

During World War One he was Captain and Training Officer at the **Bedfordshire Regiment** at Ampthill Park set up to train, and later heal, soldiers on their way to and return from The Great War.

He died on 28 October 1934



Sapper Alfred Trulock

Great Uncle* of Jenny Burgess, ex of MANUDEN now of Wicken Bonhunt
[*Grandmother's Uncle]

Sapper in the **237th Field Co of Royal Engineers**

Born in Minley, Hampshire in 1875

Married with three children

He died on 7 October 1916 at the Somme

Commemorated at Thiepval



Spr. A. TRULOCK, 13, Seaford Road, Wokingham.—Wounded and missing.



1 Thiepval

Lance Corporal Harold Turner

Relative of Sally Johnson, Stewarts Way, Manuden

Born 1896

Worked for Messrs. A. Ashwell of Stortford and was interested in watches.

Hertfordshire Regiment



Served the Front in France and Flanders.

He was shot by a sniper whilst fighting in the trenches and died of wounds 18 July 1916 aged 20 years.

Buried in Bethune, France

The whole family visited his grave in France shortly after his interment an unusual event at this time



Director of Graves Registration & Enquiries.

Begs to forward as requested a Photograph of
the Grave of:—

Name *Turner*
Rank and Initials *4cpl H.F.F.*
Regiment *1/ Hertfordshire Regiment*
Position of Grave *Bethune Town*
Cemetery
Nearest Railway Station *Bethune*

Plot V Row G Grave 8

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be obtained.



HERTFORD HEATH.

NOVEMBER 28, 1920.

Dedication and Unveiling

of the

MEMORIAL CROSS

TO THE GLORIOUS AND UNDYING MEMORY
OF THE MEN OF HERTFORD HEATH WHO
GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR KING AND
COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR

1914-1918:

Arthur Akers.
Charles Akers.
Henry Akers.
James Akers.
William G. Brown.
William E. Gulley.
Joshua R. Camp.
William Camp.
Cecil Chandler.
Frank Chapman.
Frank Childs.
Charles H. Coles.
Frederick J. Coles.
George Coles.
Sidney Cor.
Albert Croft.
Arthur G. Fletcher.

Thomas S. Fletcher.
William Gee.
Charles J. Gray.
Horace Gray.
John W. Huson.
William H. Huson.
George William Ives.
Harry E. Judd.
John Judd.
Thomas Locking.
Walter Middleton.
Abel Pomfret.
Charles Pratt.
Harold E. J. Turner.
Frederick S. Ward.
Henry West.
William H. West.

Extracts from a letter sent by Harold from France 1st January 1915

To his brother-in-law Fred and sister Trix (Beatrix)

Are you having such bad weather as we are, it was snow last week and rain this, it has kept us off parade today, it makes the trenches in such a mess you ought to see us sometimes up to our necks in mud and water.

I wish the job was all over so we could get back to England. There was a German aeroplane over us the other day, the first one for a long time. The guns let it have it but I think it was too high. I am glad to hear that the Zepps have not been for some time. I bet it frightened Mum and Dad a bit when they went over Hertford. I should(n't) think Fred, I shall be long before I come and have a look at your garden so pull all the weeds out. Well Ta-Ta for the present must close with love to you both.

Another one from No 12 Platoon 20 June 1916 to his sister Trix.

I am answering your letter at once in case I don't get time as we don't know how long we are stopping here. We came out of the ditches the other night and wasn't I glad to get out. I was properly fed up with them, you see we were in for a bit longer than usual and it was a wee bit hot.

His brother-in-law Fred was by now being sent to France but does not appear to be anywhere near Harold.

I wish he was near us, I would very much like to see him.

From your loving brother Harold

PS Don't forget the toothpaste that I sent for, I have finish(ed) my last lot.

Harold died in July 1916.

Leonard Walden

Father of Bridget Pulyk, Butt lane, Manuden

Born 16 October 1899

Volunteered when 17 years old
and lied about his age.

Joined Cavalry Regiment

Moved to the trenches at the
Somme as a 'Runner'.

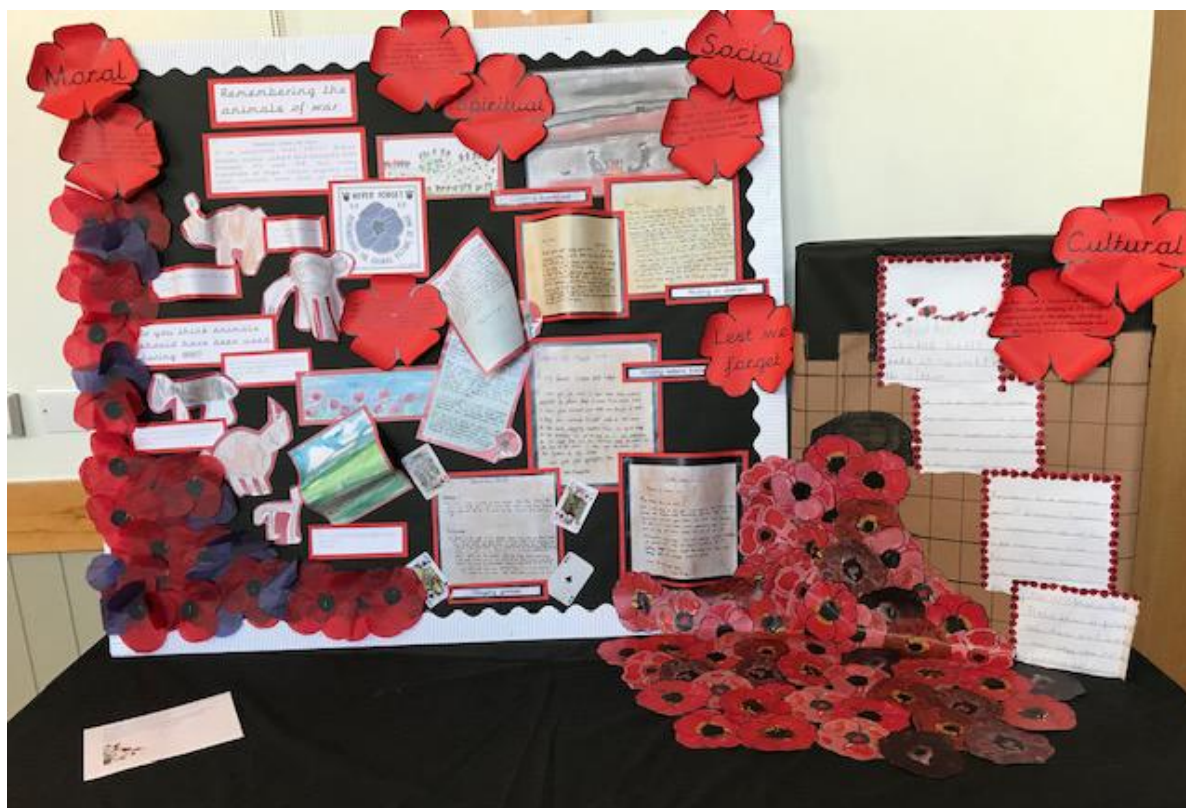
Saw his best friends killed going
'over the top'.

Survived the War
Died 1987

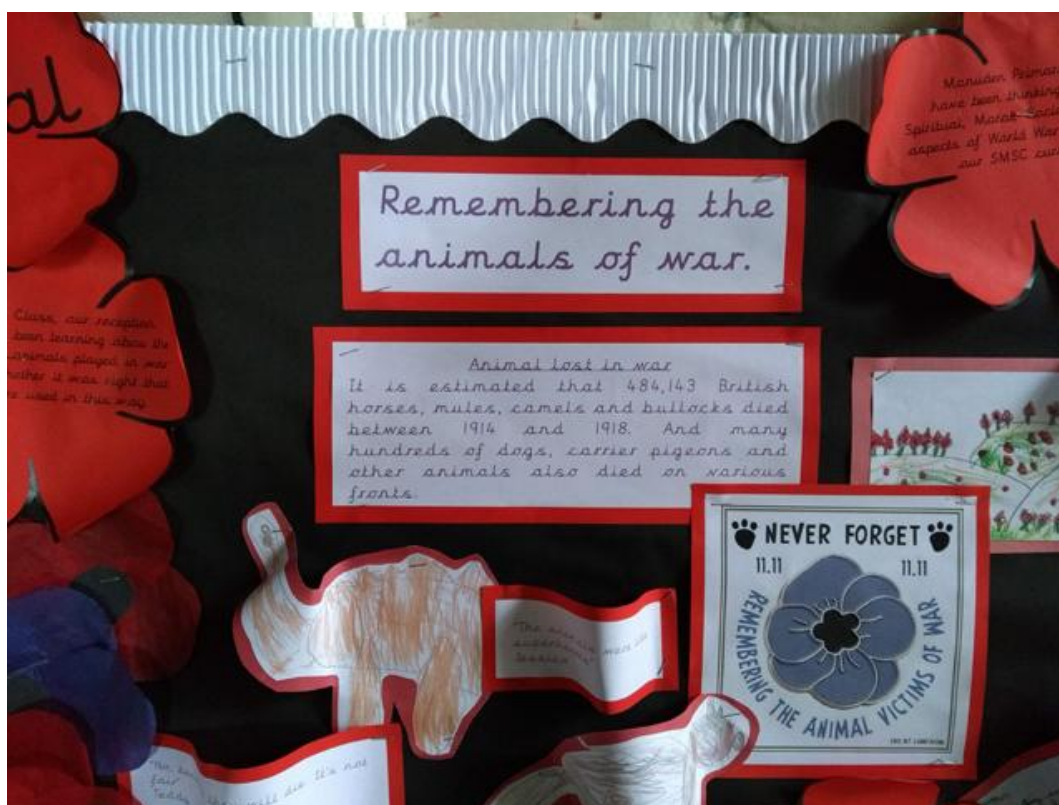


Exhibition - Manuden School's Presentation

The children of Manuden School created a display of their own for our exhibition having been thinking about the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural aspects of World War 1 in line with the SMSC curriculum



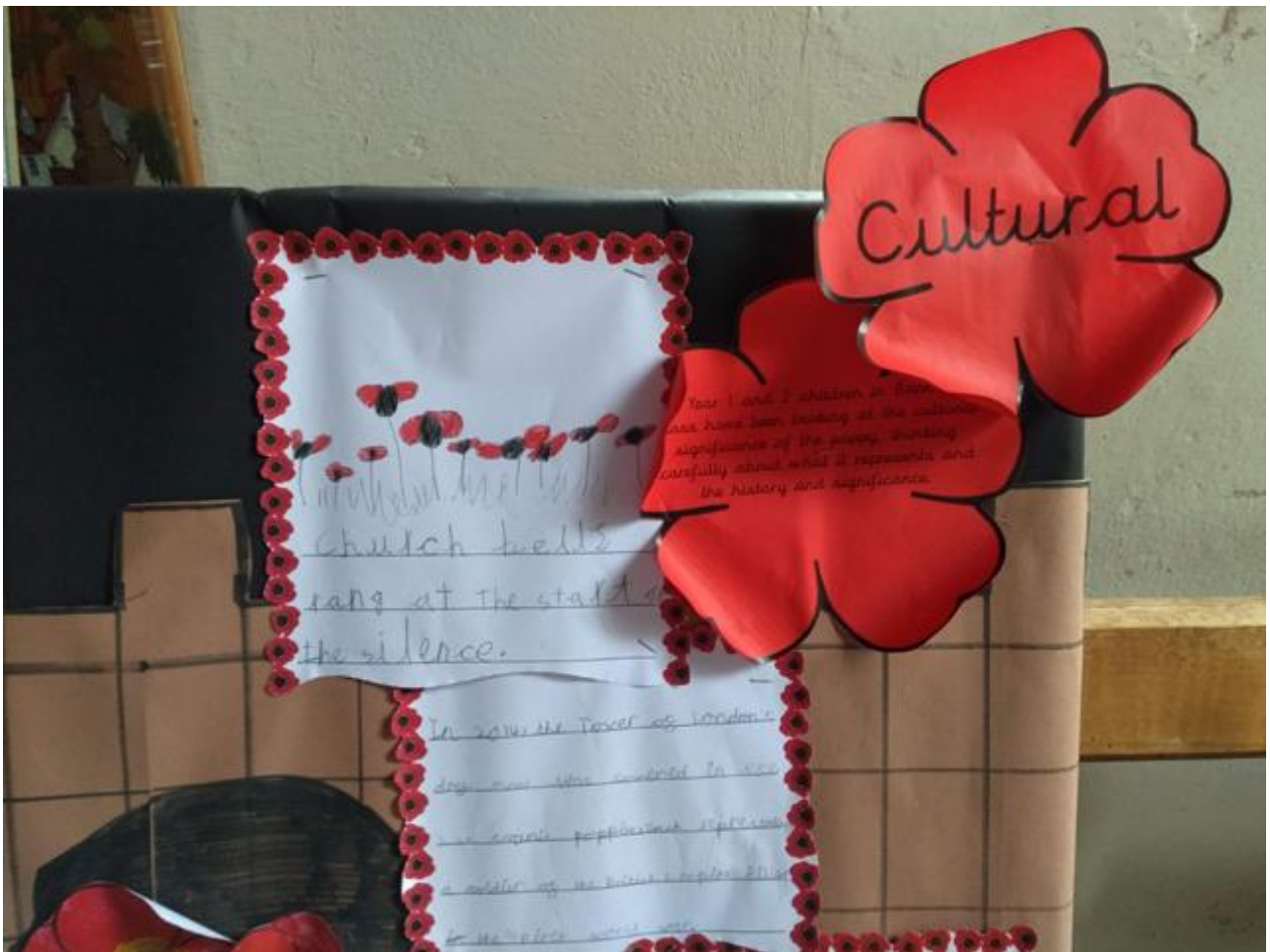
Reception looked at the role that animals played in the war and whether it was right that they were used in this way.



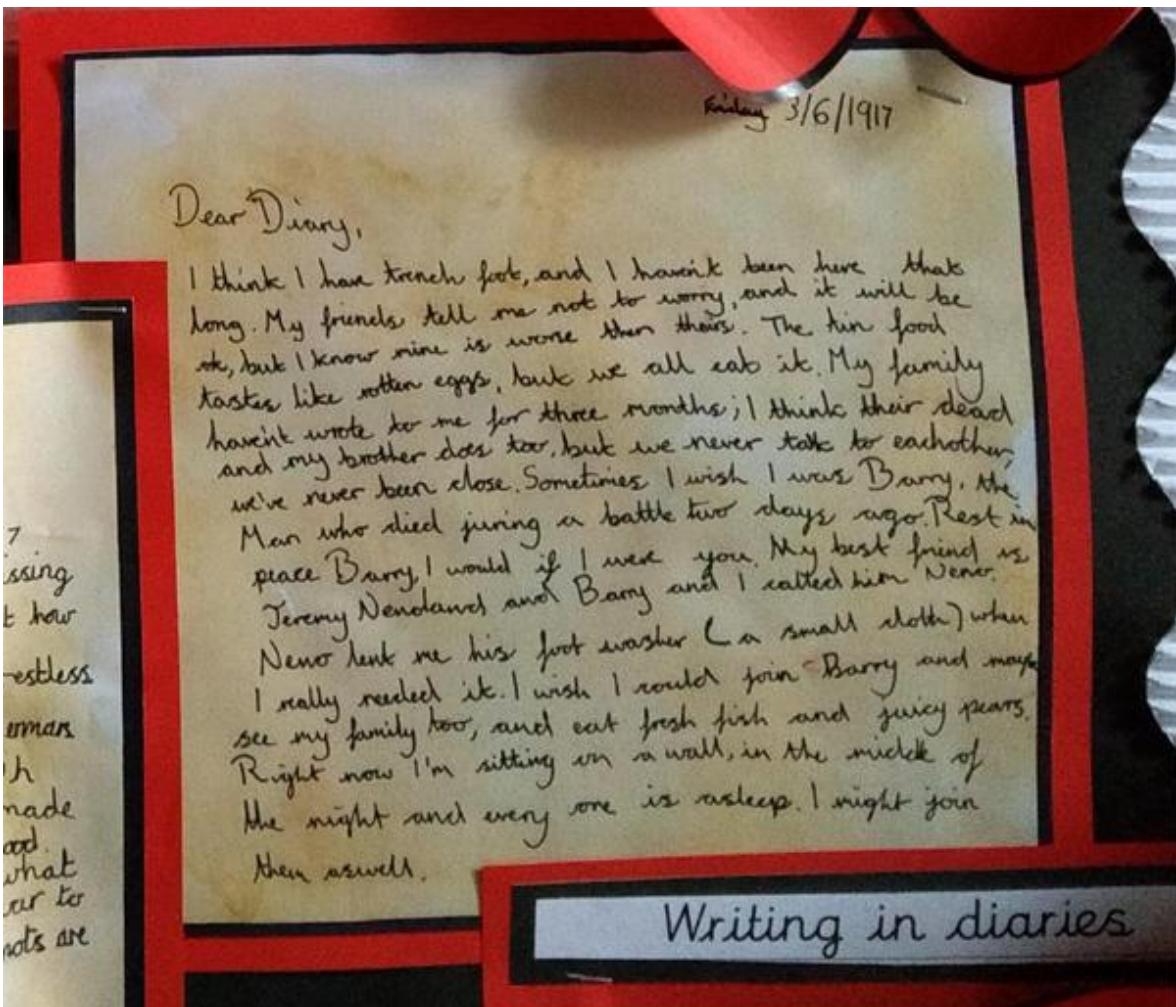
Animal lost in war

It is estimated that 484,143 British horses, mules, camels and bullocks died between 1914 and 1918. And many hundreds of dogs, carrier pigeons and other animals also died on various fronts.

Years 1 & 2 looked at the cultural significance of the poppy.



Years 5 & 6 looked at social aspects of life in the trenches.



French Posters



During the Battle of L'Alsne, the heroic sang-froid of our allies (the British).

Tea had to be served at 5 o'clock whatever the conditions

September 1914



Combat in Tracy-Le-Val

How our colonial allies re-take the town of Tracy-Le-Val

November 1914



The British at La Bassée

"The heroisme of our allies"

January 1915

The German defeat of La Wartha by the Russians.

The Grand Duke Nicolas assisting the debacle.



Bengal Lancers - begin their evening prayers even as the last shots are fired.

October 1914



An early retreat by the Germans, fighting all the way.

October 1915





Lt Bruyant uses his sabre to kill a German officer who is about to blow his brains out (or so the French subtitles say). For his act of courage Bruyant was awarded the Legion d'Honneur.

14 August 1914

The Battle of L'Yser

The amazing resistance of the Belgian Soldiers protecting the allied lines on the river L'Yser. The Germans launched attack after attack suffering huge losses and leaving a "bridge of bodies". A horrifying sight according to the French subtitles. October 1914



Grape picking in 1914

Whilst the battle rages all around the champagne grapes still have to be picked - even under the rainfall of shrapnel.

Apparently the German troops protected the vineyards believing the champagne would be theirs... the subtitle goes on to say that the vintage of 1914 was going to be exceptional and the Germans would get none of it! November 1914



The Battle of Heligoland.

Apparently HMS Defender launched a lifeboat to pick up drowning German sailors. The rowboat found itself in trouble drifting in high seas. To the relief of those on board a British E-Class submarine (E4) appeared next to the boat and picked them all up.



A Duel in the Air

This shows aviator Sergeant Frantz together with his mechanic, Quenaut, shooting down an "Aviatik" near Rheims.

Both heroes were decorated.

Miscellaneous Papers and Pictures

The Kaiser's Despair

THE KAISER'S DESPAIR.

Realising that the end is near, he makes his Will.

From our special correspondent in Berlin.

It is rumoured in Germany that the Emperor now realises that his number is up, and is accordingly making his Will, revoking all Wills made heretofore.

The Will is said to read as follows :

This is the last Will and Testament of me WILHELM the super-swanker and ruler of the sausage-eaters, recognising that I am fairly up against it, and expecting to meet with a violent death at any minute at the hands of brave Johnny Bull, hereby make my last Will and Testament.

I appoint the Emperor of Austria to be my sole executor, (by kind permission of the allies).

1. I give and bequeath to France the territories of Alsace and Lorraine, (as this is only a case of returning stolen property, I don't deserve any credit for it, and am not likely to get it either)

2. To Servia I give Austria.

3. To Russia I give Turkey, for the Tzar's Christmas Dinner.

4. To Belgium I should like to give all the thick ears, black eyes, and broken noses, that she presented me with when I politely trespassed on her territory.

5. To Admiral Jellicoe I give all my Dreadnoughts, Submarines, Torpedo-boat destroyers and fleet of Funkers generally, what's left of them, He's bound to have them in the end, so this is only anticipating events.

6. To John Bull I give what's left of my Army, as his General French seems so handy at turning my men into sausage-meat, I suppose he means to finish the job with his Kitchener, the champion German-sausage cooker.

7. To the British Museum I leave my famous moustaches, souvenir of the greatest swanker in this or any other age.

8. To Mrs. Pankhurst and the wild women I leave my mailed fist, they'll find it useful, no doubt, when they resume their Militant tactics.

9. To Sir Ernest Shackleton I leave the Pole, I've been up it for so long that I regard it as my own property.

Signed H.I.M. WILHELM.

Lord of the Land, Sea and Air.

Not forgetting the Sausages and Lager Beer.

Signed by the above named WILHELM as his last Will in the presence of us his ministers and keepers present at the same time, who in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses



German Emperor

*Baron Von Sauerkraut.
Graf von Munichlagerbier.*

Loving Hearts

A Soldier's Letter to his Sweetheart.



“Loving Hearts.”

When the Sun sinks in the West,
And the evening shadows fall ;
I'm thinking of those dear to me,
And of *YOU* whom I love best of all.

At eventide—O those happy hours,
When you whispered words so sweet
And Cupid's arrow pierced our hearts.
“Entwined” till next we meet.

Whether in billet or up on the hill,
My thoughts are always of you ;
Counting the days till I return,
My darling sweetheart, true.

My heart aches for you, my darling,
For we're shortly down to go
With the brave boys o'er the water,
To fight the cruel foe.

If I had wings I'd fly to you,
For parting seems so hard ;
So “Loving Hearts” and kisses true,
I send you on this card.

From *Your Sweetheart* “Thinking of You.”

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Single Men First

SINGLE MEN FIRST.
How the Group System works.

The King has said to his people :—
“ More men and yet more men are wanted . . .
to secure Victory and enduring Peace.”

JOIN AT ONCE.

You can respond to the Call at once, be medically examined, and, if found fit, attested and forthwith appointed to any corps that is open for enlistment, becoming at once a soldier in training.

OR

JOIN AND BE CALLED UP LATER WITH YOUR GROUP.

If you enlist under this system you will be enlisted for one day with the Colours and, at your own request, you will be transferred at once to Section B Army Reserve without Pay or Allowances other than at Infantry Rates for the day of attestation. Then you will be allowed to return to your home until the Group in which you are placed is called up for service.

ARMLET.

You will be given an Armlet bearing the Royal Crown. Opportunities will be given you of voluntarily undertaking preliminary drill.

STAY AT WORK ON FORTNIGHT'S NOTICE.

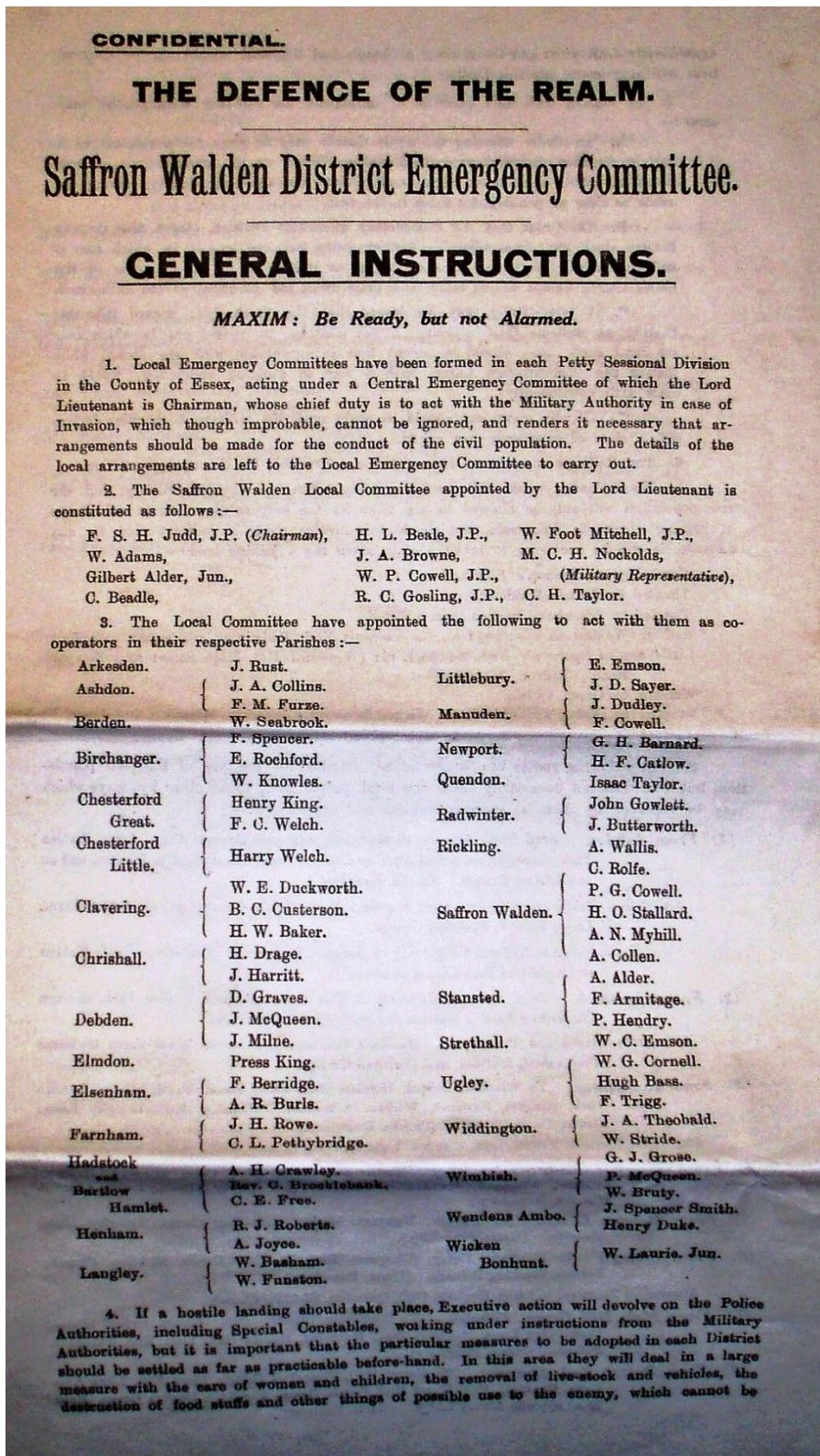
You will be given a fortnight's notice before you need actually join the Unit to which you have been appointed. You will, therefore, be able to continue your usual work until you receive this call, which will afford you time and opportunity to give notice to your employer, or arrange your affairs.

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General Instructions- The Defence of the Realm

MAXIM: Be Ready, but not Alarmed



The co-operators in the Parish of Manuden were J. Dudley and F. Cowell and those on Berden were W. Seabrook and F. Spencer.

Helmet of the Essex Yeomanry



The Dead Man's Penny

A 5 inch diameter bronze plaque like a large pre-decimal penny. It had only the name of the deceased, no number, rank or regiment to ensure no distinction between the individuals. Around the edge "He, (or she) died for freedom and honour".

The plaques were received with a commemorative scroll from King George V.



Photos

Below is a small selection of the many photographs offered by participants for display at the exhibition.



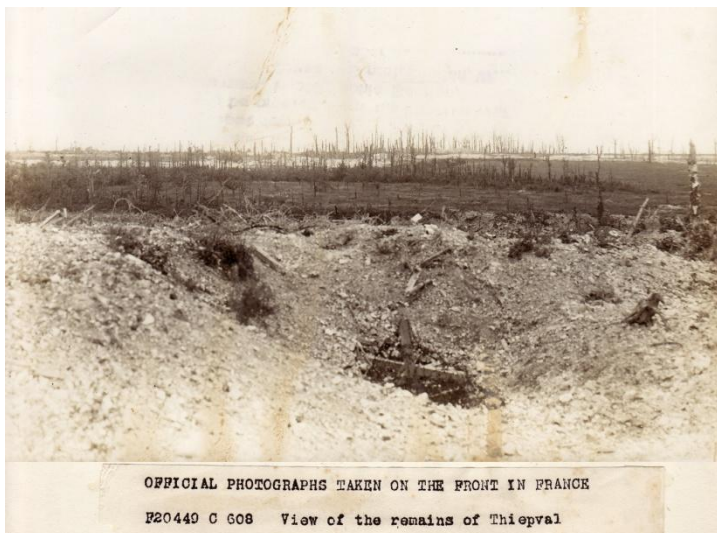
B.89. Firing trench along Messines, Wulverghem Road (looking towards Messines) March. 1915.



B.97. Dranoutre. Centre of the once quaint little French village which fell a victim to such a terrific bombardment when the Germans broke through in March 21st 1918 - as it appeared on the 26th March, 1919.



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE WESTERN FRONT.
C.2694. The new British thrust near Cambrai. The Germans cut down trees to hinder our advance. Taken near Havrinecourt.



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ON THE FRONT IN FRANCE
F20449 C 608 View of the remains of Thiepval





B.92. Street in Wulverghem. March 1915.



B.95. Kemmel. The photograph is taken a few yards to the left of the Cross Roads, and shows the ruins of the village on the left and a ruined Chateau in rear of trees on right. Photographed 26th March, 1919. The road in this picture is running towards Poperinghe.



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