

# Birchington & Acol War Memorial

## 1914-18 Roll of Honour (in alphabetical order)

### **ALLFREE G. S.**

*Lt Geoffrey Stephen Allfree, HM Motor Launch 247, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve*

Drowned on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1918 when ML 247 was wrecked on Oar Rock, west of Clodgy Point, St Ives, Cornwall. He was aged 29 and was commissioned into the Royal Naval Division in October 1914. His late father had been Vicar of St Nicholas-at-Wade Church and his mother later lived at Minnis Road. There is a brass plaque in memory of Lt Allfree in St Nicholas-at-Wade Church (UKNIWM 28654).

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial*

### **AMOS P. J.**

*14662 Pte Percy James Amos, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers)*

Killed in action on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1918, aged 34. He was born at Westbere and lodged at Victoria Terrace (in Westfield Road), Birchington. He worked as a Journeyman Butcher.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Pozières Memorial, France*

### **BALL [sic] G.**

*G/4239 Pte George Balls, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Killed in action on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1916. He was born at Streatham and enlisted at Margate although he showed his residence as Streatham. In the 1911 Census, he is shown as a Laundry Hand lodging at Mitcham. His name is also inscribed on both the St Saviour's Church War Memorial tablet (as Pte G. Balls, Buffs) and on Birchington & Acol War Memorial (as Pte G. Ball, Buffs). However, no trace has been found of a Pte G. Ball, Buffs. It is believed that his surname was Balls and that his name on both the Birchington & Acol War Memorial and the Westgate-on-Sea War Memorial is spelt incorrectly.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Thiépval Memorial, France*

### **BEERLING W.**

*G/3073 Pte William Isaac Beerling, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Killed in action on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1915. He was aged 21. His parents lived at Mill Row, Birchington.

*Interred at Calvaire (Essex) Military Cemetery, Plægsteert, Belgium*

### **BLACKFORD G.**

*6956 Pte George Blackford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy Machine Gun Corps*

Killed in action on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1917, aged 30. He had previously served in The Buffs. He was born at Burwash, Sussex and enlisted at Acol. In the 1911 Census, he is shown as a Groom Gardener living at Vine Cottage, Acol with his wife Amelia.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Nieuport Memorial, Belgium*

### **BOWLING A.**

*Alfred Bowling, Master of SS Enosis*

Died when his ship – a collier – was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1915, aged 54. He lived at Herschel Road and left behind a widow, Florence, four sons and two daughters. One of his sons, Victor, was also to lose his life in the service of his country (see below).

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Tower Hill Memorial, London*

### **BOWLING V. M.**

*2/Lt Victor Macdonald Bowling, 29<sup>th</sup> Sqdn Royal Flying Corps*

Killed whilst flying on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1917, aged 19. He was born at San Francisco, USA and was educated at Cliftonville College and Kanterskill College. He was an assistant schoolmaster when he applied to join the Special Reserve of Officers in August 1916. He lived at Herschel Road and was unmarried. His father also lost his life in the service of his country (see above).

*Interred at Harbarcq Communal Cemetery Extension, France*

### **BRENCHLEY H. W.**

*29762 Pte Henry William Brenchley, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Border Regiment*

Killed in action on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1918. He was aged 29. He lived at Acol and had previously served in The Buffs. He left behind a widow, Ellen.

*Interred at Hooge Crater Cemetery, Belgium*

### **CASTLE W. H.**

*G/5462 Pte William Henry Castle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regt)*

Killed in action on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915 at the Battle of Loos. He was aged 19 and lived with his parents at Acol. He had previously served in The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt).

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Loos Memorial, France*

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### CHAPMAN G.

8008 Pte George Chapman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers

Killed in action on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1914, aged 27. He was born at Eastry and lived at Birchington. He is shown in the 1911 Census as serving in the Royal Munster Rifles in India.

Interred at Etreux British Cemetery, France

### CHECKLEY F.

G/10048 Pte Fred Checkley, 10<sup>th</sup> Bn The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt)

Died of wounds on 8<sup>th</sup> July 1916, aged 30. He was born at Kenilworth, Warwickshire and lived at Birchington. He was a Bootmaker in civilian life.

Interred at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, France

### COOK [sic] J.

K/21119 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Henry Peter Cooke, HMS Vanguard, Royal Navy

Died when the battlecruiser *Vanguard* was blown up by an internal explosion at Scarpa Flow on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1917. He was aged 23 and lived at Malthouse Cottages, Minnis Road, Birchington. His name is shown on the war memorial incorrectly as Cook.

Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial

### COSSEY A. E.

Engineer Commander Arthur Ernest Cossey, HMS Hampshire, Royal Navy

Died from exposure on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1916 after the cruiser *Hampshire* was sunk by a mine off the Orkney Islands on her way to Russia. He was aged 40 and engaged to be married. His father, Major John Cossey, lived at Shakespeare Road. Among the many lives lost in the sinking of the *Hampshire* was Field Marshal Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, whose body was never recovered.

Interred at Lyness Royal Naval Cemetery, Orkney

### COX E. S. W.

42077 Rifleman Edward Samuel William Cox, "C" Coy, 12<sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Irish Rifles

Killed in action on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1917, aged 19. He was born at Margate, enlisted at Woolwich and lived with his family at Mill Row, Birchington. Previous to serving in the Royal Irish Rifles, he served in the King's Royal Rifle Corps. His name is also commemorated on the War Memorial tablet at St Mildred's Church, Acol where his initials are shortened to 'S. W.'

Commemorated by the CWGC on the Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, France

### DAWSON W. T.

Z/1584 Able Seaman William Thomas Dawson, Anson Bn Royal Naval Division

Died of enteric fever in University War Hospital, Southampton on 8<sup>th</sup> February 1916, aged 20. He enlisted in April 1915 and drafted for the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in October 1915. His home was at St James's Terrace, Birchington.

Interred at Birchington (All Saints) Churchyard, Kent

### De TRAFFORD R. E.

Lt Ralph Edric Galfrid Anthony de Trafford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Royal Fusiliers

Killed in action on the first day of the allied landings at Gallipoli on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915. He was aged 22 and was educated at Wimbledon College. He joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Fusiliers in March 1912. He was unmarried and lived at Spenser Road. The invading forces at Gallipoli suffered heavy losses on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915 including many soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Those losses have been commemorated each year on the anniversary of those landings, known as ANZAC Day.

Commemorated by the CWGC on the Helles Memorial, Turkey

### EAST A. E.

2637 Pte Alfred Edwards East, "D" Coy, 2/10<sup>th</sup> Bn Middlesex Regt TF

Died of exposure at Gallipoli on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1915, during a two-day blizzard which resulted in many deaths. He was aged 20. He was born at Hereford and lived at Golders Green with his parents who subsequently moved to Birchington.

Interred at Lala Baba Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey

### ERLEBACH A. W.

2/Lt Arthur Woodland Erlebach, 57<sup>th</sup> Sqdn Royal Flying Corps

Died from injuries sustained in an aeroplane accident on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1917, aged 23. He was educated at Woodford House School and University College, London. Two of his brothers also lost their lives in the service of their country (see below). His father, Arthur, was the Principal of Woodford House School, Birchington. The Sports & Recreation Ground between Park Land and Park Road and adjacent to Quex Park was given to the parish in 1924 by Arthur Erlebach in memory of his three sons who gave their lives in the war (UKNIWM 48760).

Interred at Longueness (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, France

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### ERLEBACH E. E.

*2/Lt Edward Eustace Erlebach, 45<sup>th</sup> Sqdn Royal Flying Corps*

Killed in action on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1917, aged 19. Two of his brothers also lost their lives in the service of their country (see above and below). His father, Arthur, was the Principal of Woodford House School, Birchington. The Sports & Recreation Ground between Park Land and Park Road and adjacent to Quex Park was given to the parish in 1924 by Arthur Erlebach in memory of his three sons who gave their lives in the war (UKNIWM 48760).

*Interred at Linselles Communal Cemetery, France*

### ERLEBACH H. W.

*Rifleman Henry Woodland Erlebach, 16<sup>th</sup> London Regt (Queen's Westminster Rifles)*

Died of wounds on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1915. He was aged 29. Two of his brothers also lost their lives in the service of their country (see above). His father, Arthur, was the Principal of Woodford House School, Birchington. The Sports & Recreation Ground between Park Land and Park Road and adjacent to Quex Park was given to the parish in 1924 by Arthur Erlebach in memory of his three sons who gave their lives in the war (UKNIWM 48760).

*Interred at Hop Store Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium*

### EVANS A. D.

*G/25001 Pte Alfred Dean Evans, 3/4<sup>th</sup> Bn The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regt)*

Killed in action on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1917 during the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele). He had previously served with The Buffs.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium*

### GATECLIFF J. N.

*Lt Edward Eustace Gatecliff, 53<sup>rd</sup> Sqdn Royal Air Force*

Killed whilst flying on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1918, aged 19. He had previously served in the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles and received his commission in June 1917. He was an only son and lived at Minnis Road. He was unmarried.

*Interred at Cinq Rues British Cemetery, Hazebrouck, France*

### GRANT L.

*428623 Pte Leonard Arthur Grant, 7<sup>th</sup> Bn Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regt)*

Died on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1915 of wounds received earlier that day. He was aged 18. He had attended the Public Elementary Schools, Park Lane, Birchington before emigrating with his parents to South Vancouver.

*Interred at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, France*

### GRANVILLE E. E.

*T/240734 Pte Edward Edgar Granville, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died of wounds on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1917, aged 19. He enlisted at Margate although he was born in Tottenham and his residence is shown as Brixton.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Basra Memorial, Iraq*

### GREENHILL T. W.

*Lt Thomas Watson Greenhill, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards*

Killed in action on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1916, aged 23. He was at Pembroke College, Cambridge when he enlisted and his sister, Elsie, who was living at Epple Road, Birchington, was his only close relative.

*Interred at Vermelles British Cemetery, France*

### HAIG C. A.

*1212 L/Cpl Charles Anthony Haig, "D" Coy, 1/14<sup>th</sup> London Regt (London Scottish)*

Killed in action at Messines on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1914, aged 27. The London Scottish were Territorials and the fighting at Messines was the first occasion during the Great War when Territorials were used. He lived at Ethelbert Road, Birchington.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Menin Gate Memorial, Belgium*

### HARLOW T.

*311600 Leading Stoker Thomas Henry Harlow, HMS Pathfinder, Royal Navy*

Killed in action when the light cruiser *Pathfinder* was sunk by the German submarine *U-21* off the Firth of Forth, Scotland on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1914. He was aged 25. He was born at Minster and was a Labourer when he joined the Navy in 1907 at the age of 18.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

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### HATCHER E. S.

*G/470 L/Cpl Ernest Stephen Hatcher, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died of wounds on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1916, aged 23. He was in command of a machine-gun when he was severely wounded in the abdomen and succumbed to his wounds. His brother Thomas also gave his life in the service of his country (see below).

*Interred at Béthune Town Cemetery, France*

### HATCHER T. G.

*6473 Pte Thomas George Hatcher, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died of wounds on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1916, aged 21. His brother Ernest also gave his life in the service of his country (see above).

*Interred at Calais Southern Cemetery, France*

### HINE T. C.

*2/Lt Thomas Charles Hine, "D" Coy, 20<sup>th</sup> Bn (3<sup>rd</sup> Public Schools) Royal Fusiliers*

Killed in action on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1916, aged 31. He was born at Hull, Yorkshire and educated at Farnham Grammar School (his father worked as a doctor in Farnham). It is believed that Thomas was employed as a schoolmaster at Birchington when he enlisted in September 1914. He was unmarried. His name is also inscribed on the Farnham War Memorial.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Thiépvall Memorial, France*

### HOARE T.

*3/7938 Pte Thomas Hoare, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn Dorsetshire Regt*

Killed in action on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1916, aged 32. He lived at St James Terrace, Birchington.

*Interred at Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, France*

### HOLMANS F. W.

*13564 Pte Frederick William Holmans, "A" Coy, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1918, aged 40. *Soldiers Died in the Great War* shows him serving with 6<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs rather than 4<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs.

*Interred at Birchington (All Saints) Churchyard, Kent*

### HORN F.

*K/21075 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class Fredrick Horn, HMS Vanguard, Royal Navy*

Died when the battlecruiser *Vanguard* was blown up by an internal explosion at Scarpa Flow on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1917. He was aged 22. In the 1911 Census, he is shown as a Farm Labourer living at Porch Cottages, Acol. His name is also commemorated on the Westgate-on-Sea War Memorial.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### HOWLAND G. [sic]

*K/16650 Leading Stoker Charles Howland, HMS Botha, Royal Navy*

Died when the destroyer *Botha* was engaged in the Strait of Dover 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918. In that engagement, the *Botha* first rammed and sunk the German torpedo boat *A-19*, but was then mistaken for a German ship and torpedoed by the French destroyer *Capitaine Mehl*. Thirteen men on the *Botha* lost their lives in that engagement including Charles Howland, aged 25. He was born at Acol and, before he joined the Navy in 1912, had been a Farm Labourer.

*Interred at Dunkirk Town Cemetery, France (Note: In the adjoining grave is buried Petty Officer Stoker W. G. Howland who also lost his life on the Botha in the same engagement – could they be related?)*

### HOWLAND W. H.

*57161 Pte William Henry Howland, 9<sup>th</sup> Bn Welsh Regt*

Died of wounds on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1917, aged 23. He formerly served with The Buffs.

*Interred at Locre Hospice Cemetery, Belgium*

### JARMAN G.

*24516 Pte George Albert Jarman, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Northamptonshire Regt*

Killed in action on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1916, aged 24. He was born at Garlinge and is shown in the 1911 Census as a House Painter & Decorator working for his father. The family home was at Victoria Terrace (in Westfield Road), Birchington.

*Interred at Bazentin-le-Petit Communal Cemetery Extension, France*

### JEWELL T. B. [sic]

*Lt John Belmont Jewell, 86<sup>th</sup> Sqdn Royal Air Force*

Killed whilst flying a Sopwith Camel on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1918, aged 18. He was born at High Holborn, London and educated at Chatham House, Ramsgate, and Herne Bay College. He enlisted in the Artists Rifles in September 1915, later serving in the RNVF before being commissioned into the RFC. He lived at Alpha Road and was unmarried.

*Interred at Ruislip (St Martin) Churchyard Extension, Middlesex*

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### **KEARNS**            **R. A. E. H. CMG**

*Lt-Col Reginald Arthur Ernest Holmes Kearns CMG, Assistant Controller of Salvage, Army Service Corps*

Died of pneumonia at his home at Claygate, Surrey, on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1918 following influenza. He was 34 and serving as the Assistant Director of Salvage at the War Office. Prior to that appointment, he had served as Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General and seen service in both France and Salonika. His wife died of pneumonia only a week after her husband leaving their five-year-old child orphaned. He is believed to be related to Colonel Thomas Joseph Kearns CB, CMG who also served in the Army Service Corps and who died on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1920 aged 59 and is buried in All Saints Churchyard, Birchington. Colonel "Tommy" Kearns's name is not on Birchington & Acol War Memorial as he died three months after the memorial was unveiled. The church hall next to St Thomas's Church, Minnis Road, is named Kearns Hall.

*Interred at Claygate (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, Surrey*

### **KEMP**                **W. G.**

*K/16280 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class William George Kemp, HM Submarine E34, Royal Navy*

Died when the submarine *E34* was mined in the Heligoland Bight on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1918. He was aged 19. He was born at Monkton and had worked as a Farm Labourer before he joined the Navy in 1912 at the age of 13.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **KNOTT**              **E. J.**

*154337 Gunner Edward Joseph Knott, "D" Bty, 307<sup>th</sup> Bde, Royal Field Artillery*

Died of wounds on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1918, aged 31. He lived at Adelaide Cottages (Westfield Road), Birchington. His wife, Catherine, died of pneumonia on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1918 and he returned to England for her funeral. After the funeral, he returned to his unit in France. He left behind two daughters. There is a crucifix figure above the pulpit in All Saints Church, Birchington, which was given to Edward Knott in Rouen when he was waiting to be transported back to England after having been gassed earlier in the war.

*Interred at St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France*

### **LAWRENCE**        **A. J.**

*11856 Sgt Albert James Lawrence, "Kings Company" 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Grenadier Guards*

Killed in action on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1916.

*Interred at Sailly-Saillisel British Cemetery, France*

### **MAXTED**            **S. J.**

*441 Pte Sidney John Maxted, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died of wounds on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1916, aged 24. He lived at South End Cottages, Canterbury Road, Birchington.

*Interred at Lillers Communal Cemetery, France*

### **MAYERS**            **W. C.**

*G/40220 Cpl Walter Charles Mayers, 7<sup>th</sup> Bn The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regt)*

Killed in action on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1917, aged 25. He previously served with the Royal Fusiliers. Before joining the Army, he was an Apprentice Grocer at St Nicholas-at-Wade.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium*

### **MILLEN**            **P. A.**

*238300 Able Seaman Percy Augustus Millen, HMS Vanguard, Royal Navy*

Died when the battlecruiser *Vanguard* was blown up by an internal explosion at Scarpa Flow on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1917. He was aged 27. He was born at Minster and was working as a Plumber when he joined the Navy in 1907 at the age of 17. His brother Charles also gave his life in the service of his country (see below).

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **MILLEN**            **V. C.**

*G/5013 Pte Charles Victor Millen, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Killed in action on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1917, aged 25. His brother Percy also gave his life in the service of his country (see above).

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Thiépval Memorial, France*

### **MORISON**          **A. D.**

*27217 L/Cpl Alexander Donald Morison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Royal Welsh Fusiliers*

Died 6<sup>th</sup> July 1916, aged 37. He was a Pharmaceutical Chemist who left behind a widow, Margaret.

*Interred at Gorre British and Indian Cemetery, France*

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### **PAYNE G. DCM**

*200597 Sgt Charles Payne DCM, 7<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died 6<sup>th</sup> September 1918, aged 20. He lived with his parents at Paddock Road, Birchington.

*Interred at St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France*

### **PEGDEN W.**

*Deal/1093 (S) Pte W. Pegden, Divisional Engineers, Royal Marine Light Infantry, Royal Naval Division*

Killed in action on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1916, aged 38. He left behind a widow, Gertrude.

*Interred at Ancre British Cemetery, France*

### **PEMBLE C. A. L.**

*2/Lt Clarence Arthur Lyon Pemple, 8<sup>th</sup> Bn The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regt)*

Died 1<sup>st</sup> August 1918, aged 28. He lived at Paddock Road, Birchington and left behind a widow, Annie.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Arras Memorial, France*

### **PEMBLE F. P.**

*Lt Frederick Philip Pemble, 213<sup>th</sup> Sqdn, Royal Air Force*

Accidentally killed whilst flying in a Sopwith Camel on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1918. He was aged 18. His father lived in Minnis Road and, after his son's death, named his house "Adinkerke" in memory of his son.

*Interred at Adinkerke Military Cemetery, La Panne, Belgium*

### **PORT W. J.**

*191310 Leading Seaman William James Port, HMS Formidable, Royal Navy*

Died when the battleship *Formidable* was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine *U-24* off Portland Bill on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1915. He was aged 34. He was born at Chilham, Kent and was employed as a Farm Boy when joined the Navy in 1896 at the age of 16. He was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and had served 18 years in the Navy when he lost his life. His home was at Crescent Road.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **ROGERS R. A.**

*J/10113 Able Seaman Reginald Albert Rogers, HMS Pembroke, Royal Navy*

Died at Chatham on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1916, aged 21. He was born at Kingsdown and was working as an Errand Boy when he joined the Navy in 1910 at the age of 15¾. Before being invalided out of the Navy with tuberculosis in June 1916, he had fought in the naval engagements at Cuxhaven, Heligoland and the Dogger Bank whilst serving aboard HMS *Lookout*. He lived with his parents at Station Road, Birchington.

*Interred at Birchington (All Saints) Churchyard, Kent*

### **ROWLAND C. W. MM**

*G/15674 L/Sgt Clarence Rowland MM, 7<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Killed in action on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1917, aged 23. He was awarded the Military Medal. He was born at Birchington and is shown in the 1911 Census as a Plumber living at Manston Villas, Crescent Road, Birchington.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium*

### **SACKETT E. H.**

*1138 Bombardier Edmond Herbert Sackett, 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Artillery Brigade*

Died 8<sup>th</sup> October 1918, aged 22. He previously lived at Perfect Cottages, Margate Road, Birchington.

*Interred at Bellicourt British Cemetery, France*

### **SAFFERY H.**

*14720 Pte H. T. Saffery, Royal Marine Light Infantry, HMS Tipperary, Royal Navy*

Lost his life at the Battle of Jutland on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1916 when the flotilla leader *Tipperary* was sunk by the German High Seas fleet. He was aged 27 and born at Minster. He lived at Gosport and left behind a widow, Flora, and a five-year-old daughter, Lilian. (Note: According to *British Vessels Lost at Sea 1914-18*, HMS *Tipperary* was sunk in the North Sea on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1916.)

*Interred at Farsund Cemetery, Norway*

### **SANDLE H. J.**

*818 Pte Henry John Sandle, Honourable Artillery Company*

Died on 25<sup>th</sup> February 1915 from wounds received the previous day. He was aged 19. He lived with his parents at Epple Road.

*Interred at Loker Churchyard, Belgium*

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### **SAYER J. G.**

*311684 Petty Officer Stoker John George Sayer, HMS Vanguard, Royal Navy*

Died when the battlecruiser *Vanguard* was blown up by an internal explosion at Scarpa Flow on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1917. He was aged 29. He was born at Birchington and was a Blacksmith before joining the Navy in 1907. His home was at Crescent Road.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **SAYER W. C.**

*G/5676 Pte William Charles Sayer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Killed in action on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1915, aged 36. He was born at Acol and lived at Park Lane, Birchington. He left behind a widow, Rose.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Loos Memorial, France*

### **SHARP T. A. F. J.**

*L/7813 Drummer Thomas Alfred Frank Joseph Sharp, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Killed in action on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1915, aged 29. He lived at Crescent Road, Birchington. His rank is shown as Private on the war memorial.

*Interred at Potijze Château Wood Cemetery, Belgium*

### **SIDDERS P. MM**

*7008 Pte Percy Sidders MM, 11<sup>th</sup> Hussars (Prince Albert's Own)*

Killed in action on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1918, aged 27. He was awarded a Military Medal for 'Bravery in the Field' and lived at Perfect Cottages, Margate Road, Birchington.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Pozières Memorial, France*

### **STEWART A. E.**

*282246 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class Albert Edward Stewart, HMS Lightning, Royal Navy*

Died when the destroyer *Lightning* was sunk by a mine off the Kentish Knock on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1915. He was aged 39. He was born at Woodchurch and was working as a Labourer when he joined the Navy in 1896 at the age of 20. He had served over 19 years in the Navy when he lost his life. He lived at Minnis Road, Birchington.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **TERRY F. J. C.**

*J/20300 Ordinary Signaller Fredrick John Cortepassi Terry, HMS Aboukir, Royal Navy*

Died when the cruiser *Aboukir* was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine *U-9* in the North Sea off the Dutch coast on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1914. He was aged 17 and born at Birchington. He is shown in the 1911 Census as a Greengrocer's Errand Boy living at Burr Cottages (Mill Lane), Birchington.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **THORNTON L. I. L. IARO**

*Lt Leslie Irvine Lumsden Thornton, Indian Army Reserve of Officers, attached XVI<sup>th</sup> Indian Cavalry*

Killed in action at Bushire, Persia (now Iran) on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1915. He was aged 26 and an only son. There is an inscription on the headstone at his family's plot in All Saints Churchyard in memory of Leslie Thornton.

*Interred at Tehran War Cemetery, Iran (the cemetery is located within the British Embassy residential compound at Gulhek)*

### **TOWELL G. W. MC**

*Captain Gerald Wyman Towell MC and Bar, "N" Battery, Royal Horse Artillery*

Died of wounds on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1918, aged 21. He was educated at Clifton College and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. He lived at Station Road, Birchington. He was awarded the MC, the citation for which reads: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during long operations in command of his battery under heavy shell fire. Throughout the whole period his unflinching courage, cheerfulness and skill set a splendid example to the remainder of the battery; and proved of enormous value."

*Interred at Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension, France*

### **WILLIAMS S. A.**

*632996 Pte Sidney Albert Williams, 1/20<sup>th</sup> Bn London Regt (Blackheath and Woolwich)*

Killed in action on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1916, aged 20. He had formerly served with the Royal Engineers. He was born at Birchington and is shown in the 1911 Census as a Builder's Labourer living at Margate Road, Birchington.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Thiépvval Memorial, France*

# Birchington & Acol War Memorial

## 1914-18 Roll of Honour (in alphabetical order)

### WINTER A. E.

*G/6372 Pte Albert Edward Winter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died of wounds on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1916, aged 21. He is shown in the 1911 Census as being born in Surrey, working as a Farm Labourer and living at Church Street, Acol.

*Interred at Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece*

### WOODCOCK J.

*G/41609 Pte John Woodcock, 13<sup>th</sup> Bn Middlesex Regt*

Died of wounds on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1917, aged 31. He was born at Bishopsbourne and lived at Birchington.

*Interred at Bedford House Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium*

### WOODLAND H. E.

*J/26779 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> Class Herbert Edwin Woodland, HMS Hawke, Royal Navy*

Died when the cruiser *Hawke* was sunk by the German submarine *U-9* in the North Sea on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1914. He was aged 16 and lived with his parents at Sparrow Castle Farm Cottages, Acol.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial*

### WRIGHT W.

*13171 Sgt Walter Wright, "D" Coy, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn King's Own Scottish Borderers*

Killed in action on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915 at the Battle of Loos. He was aged 22 and lived at Dumfries, Scotland. His parents lived at Crescent Road, Birchington.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Loos Memorial, France*