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## In Flanders Fields



By John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die.  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



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## Introduction

On 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914 war was declared with Germany. The British population were exhorted to do their patriotic duty and the people of Hatfield were no exception. The September 1914 issue of Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, called for calm, to avoid panic and to carry on as usual, but *"First it is the duty of all young men to join some military force, a man clearly ought to do something for his country at a time like this"*. The magazine went on to print the *"First List of Men Who Were Mobilised from Hatfield"* this contained 111 names of the men, where they lived, and which regiment they joined. These lists were printed every month throughout the War, along with promotions, awards and casualties. Sadly for each month of the War there was also a *"Roll of Honour"* for those that had died. The Roll was often followed by a few sentences about each person who had been killed or there were letters sent home from army chaplains, commanding officers or comrades, these were framed in terms of the bravery shown by the men.

All the soldiers who fought in the Great War were heroes but for our research we have looked only at those who were killed in action or died as a result of going to war. These researches were based on the names of the soldiers in the Hatfield, "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album" and on the Hatfield, Hatfield Hyde, Lemsford, and Ponsbourne/Newgate Street War Memorials.

While the Hatfield "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album" endeavoured to cover the whole Parish of Hatfield the individual War Memorials honoured men from each village within the Parish.

At a public meeting held in August 1919, it was agreed to offer a choice of souvenirs to the men who had served, and to the families who had lost loved ones. This would be a choice of either an Album or Silver Matchbox inscribed with Hatfield 1914-1919. The criteria for receiving a souvenir would only be for men who left the Parish of Hatfield to go to war. There are 141 names in the Album, of men who were sadly killed or died. We however have researched 172 men of which 31 were not included in the Album.

*For example:*

**Edward Ingram**, Suffolk Regiment, is mentioned on the Hatfield War Memorial but not the Album. He had enlisted before coming to Hatfield, his family were newcomers to the area.

**George Edgar Nicholson**, South African Mounted Rifles, not a Hatfield man, but is mentioned on the Hatfield War memorial. His connection to Hatfield is his Father, Samuel Nicholson who was living at the Great Northern Hotel, Hatfield, at the time of his son's death on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1918.

There are two names of soldiers who went to War from the Parish of Hatfield mentioned in the "In Memoriam Album" who had been left off the Hatfield War Memorial, **Percy Frederick Bean & Henry W. Bishop**. Their names were added to the Memorial in November 2013.

Also included in this book are four names that are not in the Album or on any of the War Memorials, **P. A. Arnett** of the Canadian Infantry, nephew to a Mrs Allen, housekeeper at Hatfield House, **G.A. Powell** a New Zealander in the Royal Flying Corp, both are buried in St Luke's Churchyard, **W. Featherstone** of the Royal Flying Corp who at the time of his death, due to a flying accident, was living at North Place, Hatfield and Leading Seaman **G. A. Franks** who is buried in Lemsford churchyard.

**The patriotism and heroism of all these men should not be forgotten.**

We have endeavoured to ensure that all information in this book is complete and as accurate as possible. However we apologise for any omissions or mistakes.

Dedicated to the  
memory  
Of  
the fallen.  
May they rest  
in peace.



## Adams, Ernest William.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Tyne Cot Memorial**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	ADAMS, E. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	26
<b>Date of Death:</b>	23/09/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	266562
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Charles Adams and Maria Adams, of 3, Collett Rd., Ware; husband of Flora F. Hart (formerly Adams), of 43rd Rightaway, Newtown, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 153.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b><u>TYNE COT MEMORIAL</u></b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Ernest William Adams, Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 23 Sep 1917, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 266562, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**The National Roll of the Great War 1914-1918 section V, Luton:** He volunteered in April 1915 and in the following year, proceeded to the Western Front, where he took part in numerous engagements in Ypres Salient and was K.I.A there on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917. Lived at 3<sup>rd</sup> Right of Way Hatfield

**Medal Card:** Awarded Victory Medal and British Medal. Also shows service in Hertfordshire Regiment, regimental No. 4861 & Bedfordshire Regiment, regimental No. 266562.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Ernest William Adams, age 9, born in Ware, Hertfordshire. His Father, Charles, was also born in Ware but his Mother, Maria was born in Hatfield. The family in 1901 were living in Ware. His Father was a Malt Maker.

**1911 Census:** Family living at 3 Collett Rd. Ware.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Oct 1914:** Ernest married Florence Wilson in Hatfield on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1914.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Jan 1916:** 17<sup>th</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield, Adams, E. Newtown, 4/1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regt.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Nov 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour ".....most poignant loss is that of Ernest Adams, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts., Regt. of Newtown, the news of whose death was received by his wife while she was away in the Isolation Hosp., and was thus deprived of the comfort of her child and relations".

**Herts. Advertiser, 27.10.1917:** *Pte Ernest W Adams, aged 24?, Herts. Regt., husband of Mrs Florence Adams, New Town Hatfield and son of Mrs Adams of 3 Collett Rd, Ware, was killed in action on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. He joined the army in April 1916 and was formerly a boot-maker employed by Mr Burgess, Hatfield, and Mr Martin, George Street, St. Albans. He was wounded in the spine in January but returned to France in July. The widow is left with one little daughter. Deceased's brother, Charles, of the Somerset Light Infantry, (late Herts. Regt) was killed on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1916, another brother has been missing since April 14<sup>th</sup> and two other brothers are serving.*

*A comrade in the course of a letter writes 'My company have asked me to write to you and express how very sorry they are to lose him as he was a good comrade and a good soldier, always cheerful and bright and willing to do whatever he was asked to, but, thank God, he died a true Englishman, giving his life for his king and country.'*

Florence (now called Flora) remarried in 1924 to a Walter E. Hart in Hatfield. The address given for Flora on the CWGC entry appears to be incorrect as there is no 43<sup>rd</sup> Rightaway. It could be number 4, The Third Right of Way.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir, Committee Ledger:** Mrs Ernest Adams, (Widow) of Newtown, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



(Herts. Advertiser)

## Andrews, William James.



Hatfield War Memorial



Abbeville Communal Cemetery



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	ANDREWS, W. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Unit Text:</b>	1st Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	08/08/1916
<b>Age:</b>	23
<b>Service No:</b>	16520
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VI. K. 15.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#">ABBEVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** William James Andrews, Birth place: Welwyn, Residence: Welwyn, Death date: 8 Aug 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Welwyn, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Number: 16520, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal, and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** A William James Andrews, age 9 and born in Welwyn, is living at 7 Frampton Street, Hertford with his Father and Mother. His Father, Arthur, was a journeyman baker who was born in Hatfield. His Mother named Elizabeth was born in Welwyn.

**1911 Census:** William is still living at 7 Frampton Street, Hertford. Only his Mother and William are listed at this address. William is now a Trimmer at a chamois leather skin mills.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour - *"William Andrews has died of wounds in hospital in France. He was not strictly speaking of Hatfield but often came to see his Aunts who lived here, and to whom his death comes as a terrible shock. He was a good soldier, as many in the Regiment could testify. Much sympathy to his Father and Aunts in their great need."*

## Angell, Francis.



**Francis Angell**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Thiepval Memorial**



**Royal Berkshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	ANGELL, F. T.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Berkshire Regiment
<b>Unit Text:</b>	6th Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	19
<b>Date of Death:</b>	30/09/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	36230
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Henry William and Sarah Ann Angell, of The Park, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 11 D.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Francis Thomas Angell, Residence: Hatfield Herts., Death date: 30 Sep 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Princess Charlotte of Wales's Royal Berkshire Regiment, Battalion: 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 36230, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre, Comments: Formerly 6073, Herts. Regt.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Served in Herts. Regt. Service No. 6073. R. Berks. Regt. service No. 36230.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Francis, age four, is living with his family at 18, Primrose Cottages, Hatfield. Father, William H. Angell, a car man labourer, Mother's name is Sarah A. Angell. He has six siblings.

**1911 Census:** Francis, age 14 and at school is still living with his family, now in a cottage in Hatfield Park.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine April 1916:** 20<sup>th</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield - "Angell, Francis T., The Park, 3/1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regt" Francis died only four months after being mobilised.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine January 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – Killed in Action – Francis Angell.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:**, Mrs Angell, (Mother) Hatfield Park, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Family Memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
SP4/3



Francis Thomas Angell  
K.I.A. France  
September 30<sup>th</sup> 1916  
Aged 19 years

## Arnett, Peter A.



Memorial St Luke's Churchyard

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In loving memory of Peter Allan Arnett, of the 27<sup>th</sup> Bn. 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division, who died of wounds received in action at St Eloi, June 16<sup>th</sup> 1916, aged 19 years.

### **CWGC Entry**

<b>Name:</b>	ARNETT, P. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	Canadian
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment)
<b>Unit Text:</b>	27th Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	16/06/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	424318
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I. I. 20.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>BISHOP'S HATFIELD (ST. LUKE) CHURCHYARD</b>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Hatfield War Memorial: No

### **Further Research:**

**Canada Remembers Div. Veterans Affairs Canada:** Via email, "According to his attestation papers he was born in Shallow Lake, Ontario on January 16 1897. He listed farming as his occupation. He enlisted in the army on April 1, 1915 in Brandon, Manitoba. His Father was living in Manitoba at the time of enlistment. According to the CEF Roll of Honour, he died of wounds in England. It is quite possible he was recuperating in a hospital nearby and he eventually passed away from his injuries".

### **Herts Advertiser, 24.6.1916:** Arnett Funeral

*Military Funeral – Pte Peter Allan Arnett was buried at Hatfield Cemetery with military honours on Tuesday afternoon. Deceased who was a nephew of Mrs Allen, housekeeper at Hatfield House, was only 19 years of age and belonged to the 27<sup>th</sup> Bn. 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division. He arrived in England from Canada in September of last year and after training at Shorncliffe, was drafted to the front, on Feb 16th last. In the recent severe fighting he was badly wounded in the thigh on Sunday week? and died at the Ontario Military Hospital in Orpington Gate on Friday of last week. The body was brought to Hatfield by train and was met by an escort of Royal Engineers and a firing party of 14 men of No 4 Company, Quartermaster Sergt Panter? and Sergt Bayliss. In addition to the relatives, Lady Salisbury and several members of the R Es and Volunteers followed the cortege. The service was impressively conducted by the Rev. G F Baxter and on its conclusion the usual volleys were fired and the Bugler George Bucklar? of the Hatfield Troop of Boy Scouts sounded the "Last Post".*



## Arnold, Albert.



**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. Memorial**  
**St Mary's Church**



**Newport (St. Woolos) Cemetery,**  
**Monmouthshire**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	ARNOLD, A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Unit Text:</b>	1st Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	02/12/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	27892
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	8 "C." 233.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#">NEWPORT (ST. WOOLOS) CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes  
D.O.D. 29/4/1916

**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Albert Arnold, Birth Place: Tyler's Causeway, Herts., Residence: Tyler's Causeway, **Death date: 2 Dec 1916**, Death location: Home, Enlistment location: Bedford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Number 27892, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of war: Home.

**Medal Card:** Awarded Victory Medal and British War Medal

**Further Research:** There is a difference of date of death with Memorial Album entry 29/4/1916 and the CWGC entry 02/12/1916. The Memorial album list Albert as being in the Bedfordshire Regt. and dying at Newport which corresponds to the CWGC entry

Newport (St Woolos) Cemetery is situated in Monmouthshire; there are 167 Commonwealth burials from the 1914-18 War

**1891 Census:** Albert, age 8, is living at Tyler's Causeway, Hatfield, with his parents John and Elizabeth and his four siblings. Father, John, is an agricultural labourer.

**1901 Census:** Albert, age 18, is still living with his now widowed Father and 3 siblings at Tyler's Causeway. Albert is a hay carter, his Father, aged 73, is listed as living on own means.

**1911 Census:** Albert, age 28, is still living at Tyler's Causeway. Albert and his Father (82) are listed as labourers.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** An "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album" was ordered for the relatives/friends of Albert Arnold; address given was Tylers Causeway, Newgate St.

## Austin, Conrad Joseph.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Baghdad North Gate Cemetery**



**Northumberland Fusiliers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	AUSTIN. C.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Sergeant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Northumberland Fusiliers
<b>Unit Text:</b>	2nd Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	19/07/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	26939
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	XV. A. 12.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>BAGHDAD (NORTH GATE) WAR CEMETERY</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes  
D.O.D. 21<sup>st</sup> July 1917

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Conrad Joseph Austin, Death date: 19 Jul 1917, Death location: Mesopotamia, Enlistment location: Hertford, Herts., Rank: Sergeant, Regiment: Northumberland Fusiliers, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Garrison Battalion, Number: 26839, Type of casualty: Died, Theatre of War: Asiatic Theatres, Comments: Formerly 23867, Hertfordshire Regt.

**The National Roll Of The Great War 1914-1918 section V, Luton:** He volunteered in Oct. 1914 and in the following year was drafted to Mesopotamia; he did valuable work in the field of war and was engaged in many important battles that led to the capture of Bagdad. Whilst on active service there he contracted a fever and died on July 19<sup>th</sup> 1917. He lived at 2, Lea Mead Hatfield.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British Medal. Additional information - Rifle Brigade, Northumberland Fusiliers, Regt. No. 261, 26939.

### **Further Research:**

**1881 Census:** A Joseph Austin, age 2, is living with his parents, Jesse and Sarah and 6 siblings, at Roestock, near Hatfield. Father, Jesse, is a bricklayer.

**1891 Census:** A Conrad Joseph Austin, aged 12, is living with his family in Newtown, Hatfield. Father, Jesse Austin, is a bricklayer/carpenter. Mother, Sarah, is not listed.

Conrad married in Hatfield in the summer of 1908

**1911 Census:** A Joseph Austin is living with his wife Edith in Newtown, Hatfield. He is working as a bricklayer (House builder).

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1914:** 4<sup>th</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield - *Austin, Conrad Joseph - Leamead Cottages – National Reserve.* Conrad must have been about 35 when he was mobilised.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1917:** Roll of Honour – Conrad Austin, Northumberland Fusiliers.

**Herts. Advertiser, 18.8.17:** Hatfield NCO's Death in Mesopotamia

*Mrs Austin, wife of Sergt. Conrad Joseph Austin of Hatfield has received the sad news of her husband's death from the effects of heat stroke at the ? Hospital at ? (Mesopotamia). Sergt. Austin, who was in his 38th Year was the youngest son of Mr James Austin of Newtown Hatfield and had been connected with the Herts. Regt. for a good many years, He, with his elder brother Tom, were among the Herts. Volunteers who went out to South Africa where the latter died from ? fever. Sergt. Austin was a member of the National Reserve and for a short time did guard duty at Welwyn Viaduct. He was then sent to India and after remaining there about twelve months was drafted to the Northumberland Fusiliers of which he was the youngest member and sent to Mesopotamia. In civil life Sergt. Austin was employed on the GNR. He leaves a widow and two young children to mourn their loss.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Austin (Widow) of 2 Lea cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album"



## Austin, Cyril John.



**Cyril J Austin**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Mont- Bernanchon British Cemetery**  
**Gonnehem**



**King's Own, Royal Lancaster**  
**Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	AUSTIN. C. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Second Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment)
<b>Unit Text:</b>	1st Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Date of Death:</b>	16/05/1918
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Josiah and Rhoda Austin, of Town Lodge, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I. E. 13.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>MONT-BERNANCHON BRITISH CEMETERY, GONNEHEM</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War. 1914-1919: Cyril John Austin, Death date: 16 May 1918, Rank: 2/Lieutenant (T), Regiment: King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), Battalion: Not shown, Type of casualty: Killed in action.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal & British War Medal. Additional information- joined London Regt. as a private, service No. 4646, rose to the rank of sergeant, service No. 471765. Commissioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Royal Lancashire Regt.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Cyril, aged 8, is living with his parents and 3 siblings in Park Street, Hatfield. Father, Josiah, is a general labourer and Mother, Rhoda, is a dressmaker.

**1911 Census:** Cyril now 18 is still living with his parents in Park Street. He is now working as a clerk. Father Josiah, is now a bricklayer, his Mother, Rhoda, is still listed as a dressmaker.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, January 1917:** 17<sup>th</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield, - Cyril John Austin – Fore Street – 12<sup>th</sup> London Ranger.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, June 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour, - *Among those who have laid down their lives for their country, we do not think that there is one who has laid down his life with a clearer conscience, or a brighter faith than Cyril Austin. Only the other day he was with us with his buoyant presence, having obtained the commission which he well earned. We have only lately heard thro' a side channel, how great his influence had been with his fellow-men especially in the direction of their presence at the Holy Communion- and now his works do follow him. Our deepest sympathies go with his parents and Miss Smith. We are allowed to publish the following:-*

Dear Mrs Austin,

I very much regret to inform you that your son, Lieut. C. J. Austin, 1<sup>st</sup> Kings Own Regiment, was killed last night during an enemy bombardment. May I offer you in the name of all ranks of the Battalion our deepest sympathy at your sad loss, and assure you that we also feel his loss very deeply. As Battalion Signal Officer, your son lived at Headquarters, so that I had every opportunity of seeing and appreciating his very excellent work at all times. He was an officer I can ill afford to lose. Apart from his work, he was invaluable in many ways. Always cheerful and willing, he was a great favourite with all ranks, always having a cheery word for the men and ready to lend a helping hand. Throughout the recent hard fighting he has never failed, and I have every reason to be grateful for his energy and zeal. His body is being taken back to-night and I have arranged for him to be buried some miles from the line. Again with expression of the deepest sympathy at your loss, I remain yours sincerely,

(signed) Cyril R. Carter, Lieut.-Col.,  
Comdg. "Kings Own" Regt.

**Herts. Advertiser, 10.3.1917:** Sgt C J Austin.

*'A plucky Hatfield Lad':* Hatfield is again honoured by the success of another of her brave lads. Sgt. C J Austin who enlisted on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1916 in the .....the County of London Regiment holds an excellent record of service. He went out to France in June and in the following September received his first stripe. The next month saw him become full Corporal and on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> of this year he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

As Lance Corporal Austin he especially distinguished himself. He took part in an attack on October 7<sup>th</sup> behaving with great gallantry. The attack commenced at 1.45 p.m. and after remaining in a shell hole for five hours exposed to bomb fire he pluckily retrieved a Lewis gun. Whilst engaged in this perilous act he heard the cry of a wounded comrade. Again he went forward for a distance of some twenty yards; but failing to achieve his object he was obliged to return. Nothing daunted, he made a second attempt, this time accompanied by another soldier and under terrific gunfire they succeeded in rescuing their pal. During the same night Austin held 200 yards of trench with sixteen men. His bravery, devotion to duty, and good conduct, have been such as to merit the acknowledgement of the commanding officer of .....the London Division in the following words, "Your Commanding Officer and the Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by your conduct in the Field. I have read their report with much pleasure."

Sgt Austin is enjoying a month's leave at the expiration of which he will join the OTC preparatory to taking up a commission.

**Herts. Advertiser, 1.6.18:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. C J Austin

Mr and Mrs J Austin of the Town Lodge, Hatfield have learned from the War Office that their younger son, Second Lieut. Cyril J Austin, King's Own Royal Lancs. Regt., was killed in action on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Lieut. Austin who would have been 26 years of age on July 4<sup>th</sup>, was in civil life employed with the engineering firm of Messrs Cooper Stewart, London. He joined the 12 London Regt. (The Rangers) in November 1915 and went to France in the following June. He received special mention for gallant conduct on the field and on the recommendation of his officers returned to England in February 1917 to take up a commission. He was trained in Ireland and in September last was gazetted to the King's Own Royal Lancs. Regt., with which he has served in France since October 22<sup>nd</sup> last. Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Austin in their very sad bereavement.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Austin (Mother) of Town Lodge, Hatfield Park, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Austin, Vincent John.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Gommecourt British Cemetery**  
**No. 2. Hebuterne**



**London Rifle Brigade**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	AUSTIN, V. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Rifleman
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade)
<b>Unit Text:</b>	5th Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	19
<b>Date of Death:</b>	01/07/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	301922
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Vincent J. and Rebecca Austin, of Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II. H. 2.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>GOMMECOURT BRITISH CEMETERY No.2, HEBUTERNE</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Vincent John Austin, Birth place: Wood Green, Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 1 Jul 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: London, Rank: Rifleman, Regiment: London Regiment, Battalion: 5<sup>th</sup> (City of London) Battalion (London Rifle Brigade), Number: 301922, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre>

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional information has two service Nos. 2950 and 301922

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Vincent, age 4, is living with his parents and sister in Wood Green, London, where Vincent was born. His Father, Vincent Jas Austin, (whose birthplace is Hatfield) was a teacher of manual instruction.

**1911 Census:** The family are living in Vine Cottage, Hatfield New Town. Vincent's father is listed as a handicraft instructor (woodwork) with the London County Council. Vincent then age 14 is a student. Vincent's paternal grandmother is living with them.

Vincent John Austin was a pupil at the Hatfield Collegiate Schools, Dagmar House. A memorial to the pupils that died in the Great War is in St Etheldreda's Church, Hatfield



**Memorial in**  
**St Etheldreda's Church**  
**Hatfield**

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1915:** 16<sup>th</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield: *Austin Vincent – New Town – 5<sup>th</sup> City of London Regt.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour: *Missing: Vincent Austin, 5<sup>th</sup> City of London Rifle Brigade, Vincent Austin and George Panter. – Very great sympathy is felt for the parents of these*

*two brave young men in their cruel anxiety, for all they know is that both their sons are missing. Hope is still possible and with courage and fortitude they do still hope, but the agony of suspense waiting for further news, must be hard to bear. May God grant that their patience and faith may be rewarded soon by good news of their devoted sons.*

The September 1916 and October 1916 editions of the Parish Mag. still list Vincent as missing.

**Herts. Advertiser, 29.7.1916: Panter & Austin News**

*Missing – Privates Gordon Panter of the London Scottish and **Vincent Austin of the London Rifle Brigade** have been notified as missing since July 1<sup>st</sup>. The former is the younger son of Mr A Panter of Beaconsfield Terrace and organist at Lemsford Church. **The latter is the only son of Mr Vincent Austin, Vine Cottage Newtown, a member of the Hatfield Parish Council***

**Hatfield Parish Council, Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Vincent Austin (Mother) of Newtown, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album.

## Baker, Albert Arthur.



**Hatfield War Memorial**



**Wancourt British Cemetery**



**Canadian Infantry**  
**British Columbia Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	BAKER, A. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	Canadian
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regiment)
<b>Unit Text:</b>	72nd Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	39
<b>Date of Death:</b>	02/09/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	1031083
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Henry and Sarah Warner Baker; husband of Margaret Louise Baker, of 47, Rice St., North Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II. D. 5.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b><u>WANCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY</u></b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** None found.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. [www.forces-war-record.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-record.co.uk)

**Further Research:-** There is some confusion as to the identity of Albert A Baker. We believe that the Albert Baker on this CWGC entry is the same person listed on the Hatfield War Memorial. In 1866 a Henry Baker and a Sarah Warner were married in Hatfield; this would tie in with the names of Albert's parents on the CWGC entry.

**1881 & 1891 Census:** An Albert A Baker is living with his parents and siblings in Mill Green, Hatfield, at the Mill Green Beer House (1881) which became known as the "Green Man" (1891). Albert's Father, Henry, was a farm labourer; his Mother, Sarah, in 1891 was a beer house keeper. By 1891 Albert was working as a farm labourer

Albert cannot be found on the 1901 & 1911 census. He may well have emigrated.

**Seaforth highlanders:** Upon hearing of the proclamation of war with Germany on 4 August 1914 Lieutenant Colonel Edwards-Leckie, commanding officer of the Seaforth Highlanders, immediately offered the regiment for overseas service. His request was denied, and instead the regiment provided 25 officers and 514 men for the 16th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force, forming almost half the

Family Memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
SP 6/8



In loving memory.....

Also Pte A.A. Baker  
2<sup>nd</sup> Seaforth Highlanders killed  
in action September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1918

battalion. While waiting for permission for the Seaforths to go overseas the regiment recruited and deployed an additional 41 officers and 1637 men to numerous battalions.

Finally on 18 July Major J.A.Clark was appointed as the commander of the 72nd Battalion CEF Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and ordered to begin training for overseas service. The regiment travelled east through Ottawa to the United Kingdom and on 18 August 1916, the Seaforths were in France. Receiving the number 72nd Battalion made the Seaforths the only Canadian regiment in World War I to deploy with its traditional regimental number as its CEF battalion number.



## Baker, Herbert James.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Warlencourt British Cemetery**



**Northamptonshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

	BAKER, H. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Northamptonshire Regiment
<b>Unit Text:</b>	1st Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	22/11/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	25597
<b>Additional information:</b>	Husband of Mrs. E. E. Baker, of Union Lane, Newtown, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VII. A. 22.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#"><b>WARLENCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY</b></a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Herbert James Baker, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 22 Nov 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Rank: Private, Regiment: Northamptonshire Regiment, Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. Number: 25597, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** Herbert Baker, age 8, is living with his parents and siblings in Newtown, Hatfield. Father, James, works as a labourer. His Mother's name is Clara

**1901 Census:** Herbert, age 19, is still living with his parents and siblings in New Town, Hatfield. He is now working as a cowman.

**1911 Census:** Herbert, age 28, is living in Arm & Sword Yard; he is married to Elsie Elizabeth and has 3 young children. He was working as a domestic gardener.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1916:** Twenty-Third List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, *Baker, Herbert – Newtown - Northamptonshire Regt.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, January 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour- *Killed in Action – Herbert Baker*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Baker (Widow) of Union Lane, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album."

## Basil(l), Frederick John.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Bethune Town Cemetery**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

	BASILL, F. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Unit Text:</b>	1st Bn.
<b>Secondary Regiment:</b>	Royal Engineers
<b>Secondary Unit Text:</b>	attd. 254th Coy.
<b>Age:</b>	21
<b>Date of Death:</b>	08/04/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	265397
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Edward and Mary Ann Basill, of 3, Greenfoot Cottages, Roe Green, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VI. C. 71.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b><u>BETHUNE TOWN CEMETERY</u></b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: Brit Army Service Records 1914-1920:** Frederick enlisted as a Private in the Herts. Regt. on 13/2/1914, Regimental No. 2332. He was 5ft 4inch tall and in good health. Before he enlisted he had been working as a farm labourer for a Mr White at Roe Green and was living with his family at 3, Greenfoot Cottages, Roe Green. Frederick left for France on 5/11/1914. At one point, (7/5/1916) he was attached for duty to 255<sup>th</sup> Tunnelling Co. R.E. entitled to working pay of 1/- per day. His new Regt. No. 265397 on 7/4/1916. Frederick was killed in action on 8/4/1917

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Frederick J Basill, age 5, is living with his parents, Edward and Mary Ann and six siblings at Roe Green, Hatfield. Father, Edward, is working as a bricklayer's labourer.

**1911 Census:** Frederick, age 15, is still living with his parents in Roe Green. He is now working as a labourer's boy (general).

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Sept. 1914:** 1<sup>st</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Frederick Basil - Roe Green - Territorials.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Dec 1914:** Hatfield Roll of Honour - *Private F. Basil writes from hospital abroad, laid up with kidney trouble.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Mar. 1917:** Promotions – *Frederick Basil – Lance Corporal.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1917:** *Frederick Basil 1<sup>st</sup> Herts, Charles Bray R.F.A, John Pallett, Beds Regt. Our deepest sympathies with the relatives and families of the three brave men mentioned above who have fallen in the service of their Country.*



**Herts. Advertiser, 12.5.1917:** Pte F J Basill – Killed in Action.

*Pte. Fredk. J. Basill of the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regt. whose home address was Roe Green, Hatfield and news of whose being killed in action on April 8<sup>th</sup> was received on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Joined the Territorials shortly before the War and was mobilised on August 1914. He went to France in November of that year and was home on furlough as recently as last November, whilst his elder brother left for France only last week.*

*Very sympathetic letters have been received by Mrs Basill from her boy's comrades, one of whom wrote "He was one of the youngest lads in our squad but his age certainly did not make him any the less efficient or lacking in spirit. He made the supreme sacrifice on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> April at about 10 o'clock. As he spent twelve months in our company we can understand in a small measure of your loss. He died as he lived, a soldier in every sense of the word, and was buried with full military honours, along with five of his mates, who were killed at the same time" Another wrote "Your dear son's parcel arrived here quite safely on Easter Monday but unfortunately after he had been killed in action. He was a great chum of ours, very calm,? and collected and always looked upon as a true friend. The greatest sympathy is sent to yourself and family from all his comrades.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Basill (Mother) of Roe Green, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



(Herts. Advertiser)

## Beach, Herbert.



**Herbert Beach**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Loos Memorial**



**The Buffs, East Kent Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

	BEACH, H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)
<b>Unit Text:</b>	1st Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	32
<b>Date of Death:</b>	24/06/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	G/10207
<b>Additional information:</b>	Husband of Ethel Beach, of 2, Ground Lane, Hatfield Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 15 to 19.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">LOOS MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: British Army WW1 Service Records 1914-20:** Herbert lived at 6 Union Lane, Hatfield. He had married on 2/11/1907 to an Ethel Shaw in Hertford. By the time of Herbert's death in 1917 they had five children. Herbert joined the army reserve on 21/11/1916 and was mobilised on 30/5/1916. He was in good health although had a problem with his teeth. He was 5ft 7½ inches tall. Herbert's military history shows that he was home 30/5/1916-24/10/1916, then with British Expeditionary Forces 25/10/1916 until his death. Herbert was missing in action, presumed dead on 24/6/1917. After the war his Wife was awarded a pension of 31/3d (approx £1.56p) for herself and five children.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Futher Research:

**1891 Census:** Herbert, age 6, is living with his Father and Mother and two siblings in Newtown, Hatfield. Father, William is an agricultural labourer. His Mother, Mary, is a laundress.

**1901 Census:** Herbert, age 15, is living with his now widowed Mother and four siblings in Newtown. His Mother is still working as a laundress. Herbert is a general labourer.

**1911 Census:** Herbert, age 25, is married to Ethel Louise and has two children. The family are living in Union Lane, Hatfield. Herbert is working as a bottler and corker for the Brewery.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1916:** 23rd list of men mobilised from Hatfield – *Herbert Beach – Newtown - 3<sup>rd</sup> East Kent Regt.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Aug. 1917:** *Our deepest sympathies go to the families of Herbert Parrott, Herbert Beech, and Charles Massam in the loss which both they and their Country have sustained in their death.* (Note different spelling of Beach but assume this is a printing error)

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs E Beach (Widow) of Ground Lane, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial,  
St Luke's Church**

## Bean, (Percy) Frederick.



Merville Communal Cemetery



Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	BEAN. P.F.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment
<b>Unit Text:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Bn
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11.03.1918
<b>Service No:</b>	23499
<b>Grave/Memoria Reference:</b>	1.C.27
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#">MERVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Added November 2013

**Service Record:** British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920, Percy Frederick Bean enlisted at St Albans 27<sup>th</sup> January 1915 into the Bedfordshire Regiment No. 10815. He had been working as a farm labourer. Percy was 5ft 4in tall, with a fresh complexion, hazel eyes and dark brown hair. His next of kin was listed as his Mother, Ethel Maud Reed of Robley or Robby Park Farm, S. Mimms, Barnet. He had six step siblings. On 5/8/1916 he was with the Trench Mortar Batt. and listed as wounded, missing. 9/9/1916 gunshot wound to left arm. He was home on leave 14/4/1917-23/4/1917; address given was Thurston Rd. Potters Bar. His Regiment is the now Loyal North Lancashire No. 23499. 11/3/1918 died from a shell wound to the abdomen. Percy's personal effects were sent to Mrs E. Bean, (Grandmother) Robley or Robby Park Farm. There is some confusion when Percy died; a telegram was sent to next of kin on 16/3/1918 - P.F. Bean is dangerously ill at 51 Casualty Clearing Station, France. Shell wound to abdomen. This was addressed to Bean, Kentish Lane, Bell Bar, Hatfield. The telegram was not delivered recipient gone away. His Grandmother is living with her daughter Ethel at Robley or Robby Park Farm.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal

### Further Research:

**1911 Census:** Percy Frederick, age 12, at school and born in North Mimms, is living with his widowed Grandmother Ellen Bean, nee Townsend, also living with them is a son and daughter of Ellen, her Mother and her brother. The address is Blue Houses, Roestock.

**Eng. and Wales Christening Records:** Birth date 5 Nov 1898, Christening, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 1899. Mother, Ethel Maud Bean.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1915:** 9<sup>th</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, Percy Frederick Bean – Kentish Lane – 3<sup>rd</sup> Beds Regt.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** An "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album was ordered for the relatives/friends of Frederick (Percy) Bean; the address given was Woodhill House, Kentish Lane, (Little Heath) Hatfield.

See letter on next page.

21-1-20 Westfield School

Dear Sir I have reminded Messrs Gilmore & Spencer of the souvenir enquiry. With regard to Messrs Archer, Bean & Wilson none of these have been to Hatfield since the war. Their people also have left the district & I cannot find where they now live. - I should say the card you have received re Fredk. Bean (killed) refers to the Percy Bean in question

Yours Mr Thos Clark

Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies

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Yours Mr ? Clark.



## Berry, Walter Herbert.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Nine Elms British Cemetery**  
**Poperinghe**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	BERRY, W. H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Unit Text:</b>	6th Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	35
<b>Date of Death:</b>	21/03/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	29818
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Berry, of New Town, Hatfield; Husband of Mrs. B. Berry, of New Town, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	X. D. 8.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b><u>NINE ELMS BRITISH CEMETERY</u></b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, **Soldiers died in the Great War:** Walter Herbert Berry, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 21 Mar 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Bedford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number 29818, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**The National Roll of The Great War 1914-1918 section V, Luton:** He joined in June 1916 and in the same year was drafted to France where he took part in numerous engagements. On March 21<sup>st</sup> 1918 he was K.I.A. at St Quentin during the retreat and was entitled to the BWM and Victory Medals. He lived at 2<sup>nd</sup> Right of Way, New Town, Hatfield.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** Walter, age 6, is living with his parents, William and Emma and 3 siblings in Newtown, Hatfield. Father, William, is railway carriage cleaner.

**1901 Census:** Walter, age 16, is still living in Newtown with his family. He was working as a garden labourer. His Father is still a railway carriage cleaner.

**1911 Census:** Walter, aged 26, is now married to Bessie and living at Pond Hill, Hatfield.

Walter married a Bessie Arnold at Sandridge, Hertfordshire, in January 1910.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1916:** 23<sup>rd</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Berry, Walter – Newtown – 10<sup>th</sup> Beds Regt.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, April 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour - *The first casualty which has been announced in Hatfield as coming from the gigantic struggle before St Quentin is the death of Walter Berry of Newtown. We feel that in a struggle so tremendous we shall endure further losses, but this life as the first fruits of the battle has been freely and willingly given for his Country, and has formed part of the impenetrable barrier which hitherto so nobly warded off the foe.*

**Herts. Advertiser, 13.4.1918:** Private W H Berry

*Mrs W H Berry has received news from France that her husband, Private Walter Herbert Berry, was dangerously wounded and a letter from the matron of the hospital followed to say that he died on March 21<sup>st</sup> from wounds in the lungs and side. Private Berry was the second son of Mr W J Berry, newsagent, of Newtown, Hatfield, and joined the Beds Regt in June 1916. He was invalided home with trench fever and rheumatism and again with wounds in his shoulder and knee. He returned to France on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Deceased leaves a widow and two young children.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Walter Berry (Widow) of Newtown, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



Original wooden cross for the grave on Walter Herbert Berry, replaced by a Commonwealth War Grave Commission headstone at Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinghe. (Photographs courtesy of Jill Lilley)

## Birch, Sydney James.



Hatfield War Memorial



Loos Memorial



Royal Fusiliers

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	BIRCH, S. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Fusiliers
<b>Unit Text:</b>	8th Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	23
<b>Date of Death:</b>	02/10/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	16618
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of J. W. and Jane Birch, of 28, Primrose Cottages, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 25 to 27.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">LOOS MEMORIAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

The Memorial book lists Sydney as killed in action, Hulluch

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Sidney James Birch, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 2 Oct 1915, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Marylebone, Rank: Private, Regiment: Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), Battalion: 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 16618, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European theatre, Comments: Formerly 21335, Hussars Regt.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914-1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research

**1901 Census:** Sydney, age 9, is living with his family in Primrose Cottages, Hatfield. His Father, James, was a carpenter, his Mother, Jane, was a laundress. There was also a sister Annie.

**1911 Census:** Sydney, now 19, is living in Homerton, London, as a boarder in a lodging house. He was listed as a grocer's assistant. All the other boarders were also listed as working as grocers assistants.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Sidney Birch – Primrose Cottages – 3<sup>rd</sup> Kings Own Hussars.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1915:** Hatfield Roll of Honour - *Killed in Action - Sydney Birch.....The loss of Sydney Birch is another of the war tragedies; he was an only son and one to rejoice the hearts of his parents.....*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Birch (Mother) of 28 Primrose Cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Family memorial  
ST Luke's Churchyard  
P2 9/18



Also their son Sydney James Birch  
k.i.a.at Arras October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1918  
aged 22

## Bishop, Henry W.



**Family Memorial**  
**St Luke,s Churchyard**

(P1 18/26)  
Henry William Bishop died  
November 11<sup>th</sup> 1918 aged 41yrs



**Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry**

**CWGC Entry:** No entry.

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Added November 2013

### **Service Record:**

**British Army WWI Pension Records 1914-1920:** Attestation papers. Henry was resident in Church Street, Hatfield. His trade was a gardener. He was 5ft. 9in. tall, with good physical development and certified fit for military service. Henry had previously served with the "Coldstream Guards 2 years, South African (1) year, Yeomanry Herts." He re-enlisted on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 1915, originally with the Herts. Yeomanry, no. 5548, but was transferred to Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, no. 28678 on 10/09/16 just after arriving in France. Shortly after this he received a gunshot wound to his hand and was gassed, he was sent back to England and discharged on 19.12.16, no longer fit for war service.

Medical Examiner's Report: *"In action Sept 1916 – Somme front was wounded at Flers on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 1916, GSW hand – after which he has never been well. He was sick; attributes it to getting a certain amount of gas, as tear gas shells were bursting around, was not wearing his gas helmet at the time. Cough and shortness of breath present, wheezing audible. Face rather puffy. Physical signs in chest of emphysema and bronchitis still present. Pulse small. Disability evident. Deafness in left ear and left hand still stiff. G.S.W. and gassing not permanent, probable duration six months. Total disablement at present."*

Henry was awarded a pension of 25/- (shillings). He was regularly re-examined and pension adjusted. His last examination was on 12.10.18, *"treatment for tuberculosis should be continued"*, awarded 22/- and 17/6d for his five children. Henry died on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. (The last day of the war)

His wife had died and at least two of the children were living with his sister-in-law in Church Street.

**Medal Card:** Victory Medal, British War Medal. Also in Hertfordshire Regt. No. 5548 and Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry No. 28678.

### **Further Research:**

**1881 Census:** Henry, age 4, is living with his parents, Charles William and Mary and four siblings in Hall's Yard, Park Street. Charles is a dairyman.

**1891 Census:** Henry, age 13, is a scholar and still living in Hall's Yard with his family.

**1911 Census:** Henry, age 34, has been married for eight years to Alice Rose; they have five children and are living in Church Street, Hatfield. Henry is working as a domestic gardener.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1915:** 14<sup>th</sup> List of men mobilised from Hatfield. *Bishop, Harry – Back Street – Herts. Territorials*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Tolman (Sister in Law) of Back Street (Church Street) Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album"



## Bray, Charles William.



Hatfield War Memorial



Hesbecourt Communal Cemetery



Royal Field Artillery

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	BRAY, C. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Gunner
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Field Artillery
<b>Age:</b>	27
<b>Date of Death:</b>	07/04/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	801070
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mrs. A. Bray, of Mill Green, Hatfield, Herts; husband of Mrs. E. M. Bray, Chapman's Terrace, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	"B" Bty. 295th Bde
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">HESBECOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, **Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Charles William Bray, Birth place: Hatfield, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Gunner, Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, Battalion: Territorial Force, Number: 801070, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Under the name of Chas W. Bray. Awarded the Victory Medal & British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Charles, a scholar age 11, is living with his Father, Mother & siblings at Waterside Cottages, Mill Green, Hatfield. His Father, George, was a general labourer. His Mother's name was Esther.

**1911 Census:** Charles, age 21, is still living in Mill Green with his family. He is now a house painter.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1915:** 16<sup>th</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Bray, Charles William – Chapman's Yard – R.F.A., Herts. Regt.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1917:** Roll of Honour – *Killed – Charles Bray, R.F.A. ....Our very deep sympathy with the relatives and friends of the men mentioned ....who have fallen in the service of their King and Country*

**Herts. Advertiser, 12.5.1917:** Gunner C W Bray – Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Bray, whose husband, Gunner C W Bray is reported to have been killed in action on April 7<sup>th</sup>. He had only been in France about three weeks. He was 27 years of age. Gunner Bray's wife suffered the loss of her six months old child a fortnight before her husband was killed.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Bray (Widow) c/o Mrs Staines, Arm & Sword Yard, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Bray, Herbert William.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**

Under the name of William Bray  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**Aire Communal Cemetery**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

Name:	BRAY, H. W.
Nationality:	United Kingdom
Rank:	Corporal
Regiment/Service:	Hertfordshire Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
Date of Death:	21/06/1916
Service No:	1793
Grave/Memorial Reference:	I.D.17
Memorial:	<a href="#">AIRE COMMUNAL CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record: Brit. Army WW1 Service Records 1914-1920:** Herbert's apparent age is 24 when he enlisted; his trade was an engine driver working for Lord Salisbury. He gave his address as, 4 Sandpit Cottages, Hatfield Hyde. He was single. Herbert was in excellent health and was 5ft 9in. tall. His relatives were listed, Father, Arthur and Mother, Sarah Annie, & 3 brothers and 5 sisters. Herbert's 1914 star medal was issued to his Father in 1920. Herbert was wounded, admitted to no.4 field ambulance 16/11/1914. He was transferred to Rouen no 10 general hospital 19/11/1914 and then discharged to convalescence 03/12/1914. Transferred to H.S.Asturias 08/12/1914. According to the record he was at home 09/12/1914 returning to France 18/04/1915. On 07/05/1916 became acting Corporal, 31/05/1916 attached for duty with 13<sup>th</sup> Gloucestershire Regt. 05/06/1916 promoted to substantive rank. 21/06/1916 died of wounds received in action, 5.30 on hosp. barge no.108.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Clasp issued for 1914 Star to Mr A Bray 6.4.1920.

### Further Research

**1901 Census:** Herbert, age 13, is listed by his second name, William. He is living with his parents and eight siblings in Hatfield Hyde. His Father, Arthur, is a stationary engine driver. His Mother's name is Sarah.

**1911 census:** Herbert, age 23, is still living with his parents and four siblings at 4, Sandpit Cottages, Hatfield Hyde. Herbert now works as a stationary engine stoker.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** 1<sup>st</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, - *Bray, Herbert William – Hyde – Territorials.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1916:** Roll of Honour, (just named William) *William Bray, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regt. attached 13<sup>th</sup> Gloucester's is reported "Died of wounds." The loss of this brave young soldier is very grievous for his Father and Mother and for his fiancée, Miss Kenny. Deep sympathy is felt for them in their great sorrow. No details are yet to hand.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Bray (Mother) of 4 Sandpit Cottages, Hatfield Hyde received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Buck, William.



Hatfield War Memorial



Mendinghem Military Cemetery



Royal Field Artillery

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	BUCK, W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Gunner
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Field Artillery 295 <sup>th</sup> Bde.
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	30/09/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	801071
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Jack Buck, of North Road, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VI.C.7
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>MENDINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY</b>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: UK. Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** William Buck, Birth place: Hatfield, Death date: 30 Sept 1917, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment Location: Hertford, Rank: Gunner, Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, Battalion: Territorial Force, Number: 80107, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Victory Medal & British War Medal [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** William (who is named Billie on the census) age 5, is living with his parents and siblings at Brewery Cottages, Hatfield. Father, Jack, is working as a stationary engine driver at the brewery. His Mother is called Bessie.

**1911 Census:** William, age 15, is still living with his family at North Road, Hatfield. He is working as a temperance hotel porter.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1915:** 18<sup>th</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield – *William Buck – Brewery Cottages – Veterinary Corp.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish magazine, November 1917:** Roll of Honour – *Very much sympathy felt for Mr and Mrs Buck, Brewery Cottages in the loss of their son William. The following has been received by them from the front...."You may have already heard from the War Office about your son, Gunner W. Buck, R.F.A. He was brought to the clearing station very badly gassed and despite all our efforts passed to his rest in a short time. He gave his life for his country and I laid him to rest in our little cemetery here. I am sorry to say he was too ill to send any messages. You will be glad to know that photographs of his grave can be obtained from the Director of Graves Registration, War Office, Winchester House, St James Square. Yours Truly G. M. Wheeler, Chaplain.*

*His Captain writes the following:- "His loss is deeply felt by all the officers and men of the battery (B. Battery, 295<sup>th</sup> Brigade, R.F.A.) as he was a very good gunner, always willing and cheerful, and I trust their deepest sympathy may help you to bear your great bereavement."*

**Herts. Advertiser, 20.10.17:** - Gunner William Buck. Hatfield Soldier dies after Wounds and Gas Poison. Mr and Mrs Jack Buck North Road, Hatfield have received the sad news that their third and youngest son, Gunner William Buck Royal Field Artillery aged 22 was wounded and gassed on September 29<sup>th</sup> and that he died from the effects of gas poison on the following day. Gunner Buck who formerly worked at the Hatfield Brewery, where his father is also employed had been in France about 7 months. He was born at Hatfield and was educated at Hatfield Church of England School. Mr William Hollingsworth, who is employed at the Peahen Hotel, St Albans is an uncle of the deceased. Mr and Mrs Buck's second son, **Pte Bert Buck** (Survived) A V C is with the Forces in Egypt.

Capt. Halcomb has written to the parents about Pte Wm Buck's death as follows:-

His loss is deeply felt by all the officers and men of this Battery as he was a very good gunner, always willing and cheerful and I trust their deepest sympathy may help you to bear your great bereavement.

Rev. G M Wheeler, Church of England chaplain, has written:

He was brought into this clearing station very badly gassed and, despite all our efforts, passed to his rest in a very short time. He gave his life for his country and I laid him to rest in our little cemetery here .....I am sorry to say that he was too ill to send any message. You may be glad to know that photographs of his grave can be obtained from the Director of Grave Registration, War Office, Winchester House, St James' Square, London SW1.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Buck (Mother) of Brewery Cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Bunnage or Bunnidge, Frederick



**Lemsford War Memorial**



**Portsmouth Naval Memorial**



**Royal Marine Light Infantry**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	BUNNIDGE, F.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Marine Light Infantry, H.M.S. Puma
<b>Date of Death:</b>	06/11/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	PO/11207
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Drowned at sea
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 27
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Lemsford War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** Enlisted 01/01/1901, Royal Marine Light Infantry, Portsmouth Division. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

**HMS Puma, cargo steamer Q-ship Peveril serving as Puma, torpedoed and sunk by U.63, W of Gibraltar**  
**BUNNIDGE, FREDERICK** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Puma." Posted missing presumed killed  
 Date of Death: 06/11/1917 Service No: PO/11207 Memorial Reference: 27. Memorial: PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914-15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** Frederick Bunnidge, age 6, is living with Father, Edward, Mother, Mary and siblings at Cromer Hyde, Lemsford. Edward Bunnidge is a traction engine driver.

**1911 Census:** Frederick Bunnidge, age 28, Private R.M.L.I., H.M.S. Roxburgh, 1<sup>st</sup> class cruiser, 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. Home Front, Portsmouth Harbour.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Lemsford News – *It is a pleasure and pride to know a Lemsford man, F. Bunnage, R.M.L.I. is on H.M.S. Birmingham.....*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1917:** Lemsford News – *"the War has again brought sorrow to Lemsford homes. Private Fred Bunnage R.M.L.I. having lost his life at sea on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Private Bunnage who was born in Lemsford, had served eighteen years; at the beginning of the war he was on H.M.S. Birmingham, when she herself distinguished herself by sinking one of the first enemy submarines by a wonderful shot; he was at the Battle of Jutland in the same ship. The ship to which he was afterwards appointed was sunk last year when he was rescued. Much sympathy will be felt for his brothers and sisters who live at Cromer Hyde. Only a month ago he was with them on a short leave"*

### **Additional Information given by Mary de Soyres, (Lemsford Local History Soc.)**

**St. John's Church, Lemsford churchyard,** Inscription: North Churchyard, row 3, plot 20 'In loving memory of Mary Anne Bunnage, who died 21st April 1897, aged 45 years. Also Edward, her husband, who died 29th December 1905, aged 57 years. Also Robert Edward, their son, who died at Rawal Pindi. India, 22nd June 1906, aged 23 years. Also Joseph, their son, who died 10th September 1910, aged 29 years. Also our dear

brother, **Pte Frederick Bunnage R.M.L.I. who lost his life at sea 6th November 1917, aged 33 years. "Peace perfect peace"**

**St. John's Church, Lemsford. Register of Baptisms** - Frederick Bunnidge, born 8th November 1884, baptised 8th February 1885. Son of Edward and Mary Jane? Bunnidge, locomotive driver of Cromer Hyde.

**The Book of Welwyn by Richard J. Busby p. 90** - 'Some local men like Frederick Bunnage of Lemsford, witnessed the sinking of the first German submarine by HMS Birmingham on 8 August 1914; in 1916 he was rescued from a sinking ship at the Battle of Jutland.



Family Memorial  
St John's Church, Lemsford

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr Bunnage (Brother) of Cromer Hyde, Lemsford received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album



## Butterworth, Albert.



**Nottingham General Cemetery**



**Royal Irish Rifles**

**CWGC Entry** This is the only entry for an A. Butterworth who died 26/10/1917

<b>Name:</b>	BUTTERWORTH, A.M.
<b>Rank:</b>	Rifleman
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Irish Engineers
<b>Date of Death:</b>	26/10/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	42926
<b>Additional information:</b>	Husband of Emily Graby, (formerly Butterworth) of 88 Pillmore Avenue, Letchworth, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Screen Wall 03303
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b><u>NOTTINGHAM GENERAL CEMETERY</u></b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

Entry in the In Memoriam Album lists Albert as being in the Royal Army Service Corps.

### **Service Record:**

**UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919:** Albert Michael Butterworth, Birth Place: Barnet, Herts., Residence: High Barnet, Herts., Death Date: 26 Oct 1917, Death location: Home, Enlistment location: London, Rank: Rifleman, Regiment: Royal Irish Rifles, Battalion: 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 42926, Type of casualty: died, Theatre of War: Home, Comments: Formerly 056106, Royal Army Service Corps.

**Ireland, Casualties of World War 1, 1914-1918:** Butterworth, Albert Michael, Reg. No. 42926. Rank, Rifleman, Royal Irish Rifles, 15<sup>th</sup> Batt., died, home, October 26<sup>th</sup> 1917, born Barnet, Hertfordshire.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Albert, age 21, living with his Step Father, Harry Smith, Mother, Annie and siblings in Barnet. Albert is working as a coachman/groom.

**1911 Census:** Albert, now married, living with his wife, Emily and their 4 children at 36 Calvert Road Barnet. Albert was working as a coachman in livery stables. Living with the family was his stepfather Harry now a widower.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Butterworth, no address given – left Hatfield, received an “In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album”.

**Buxton, George B.**



**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. Memorial**  
**St Mary's Church**



## Arras Flying Services Memorial



## Royal Flying Corp

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	BUXTON, G. B.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Second Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Flying Corps1sr sqdn. And 5 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Norfolk
<b>Date of Death:</b>	28/07/1917
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">ARRAS FLYING SERVICES MEMORIAL</a>

<b>Hatfield In Memoriam Album:</b>	Yes
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**Ponsbourne/Newgate Street War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** **UK. Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** George Barclay Buxton, Death date: 28 Jul 1917, Rank: 2/Lieutenant, Regiment: Royal Flying Corps, Type of casualty: Killed in Action, Comments: (Territorial) 5/Norfolk Reg.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory medal and British War Medal. Additional information, Local Vol. Kisumu East Africa (Pte). Norfolk Regt. Second Lieut., R.F.C. Lieut., Theatre of War E. Africa.

### Further Research:

**1911 census:** George Barclay Buxton, age 18, is living with his parents and siblings in a large house at Widbury, Ware. The household also had five servants living in. His Father, Barclay Fowell Buxton, is a Clergyman. His Mother's name is Margaret. George is working as a bank clerk. From the census it appears that George and another brother were born in Japan.

**1911 census:** Also shows that the Misses Rachel Louisa and Ethel Mary Buxton, aged 65 & 46 respectively where living at Ponsbourne Manor with two great nephews (not George) plus 8 servants.

**National Probate Calendar 1861-1941:** *Buxton, George Barclay of Ponsbourne Manor House near Hertford, Hertfordshire, Second Lieutenant 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Norfolk Regiment died 28<sup>th</sup> July 1917, at or near Passchendale in Flanders on active service. Administration (with will) London 6<sup>th</sup> March to Reverend Barclay Fowell Buxton clerk. Effects £761.15s.1d.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1917:** Ponsbourne News – *"It is with deep regret that many heard of the death of Mr George Buxton last month. Mr Buxton, who held a commission in the Royal Flying Corp was the nephew of the Misses Buxton and was known to many in Ponsbourne. Much sympathy is felt to his parents and relatives "Oh true brave heart, god bless thee, wheresoever's in God's great universe thou art today"*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs M. Buxton (Mother) of Sherborne House, Hoddesdon received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

See letter on next page



Nov 9 20

SHERBORNE HOUSE,  
HODDESDON.

Dear Mr. Armstrong

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Yrs truly  
Margaret Buxton.

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## Caesar, (Charles) Patrick.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Theipval Memorial**



**King's Shropshire Light Infantry**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	CAESAR, C. P.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	King's Shropshire Light Infantry
<b>Date of Death:</b>	14/07/1916
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 12A and 12D
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Charles Patrick Caesar, Death date: 14 Jul 1916, Rank: T/Lieutenant, Regiment: King's (Shropshire Light Infantry), Battalion: 7th Battalion, Type of casualty: Killed in Action.

**THE LONDON GAZETTE, 28 AUGUST, 1914:** The under mentioned Cadets and ex-Cadets of the Officers Training Corps to be Temporary Second Lieutenants. Dated 29<sup>th</sup> August, 1914: - REGULAR FORCES.....Charles Patrick Caesar.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** Charles, age 4, is living with his widowed mother, Martha and sisters in Fore Street at the house of his Uncle, Charles Hall, aged 37, a surgeon.

**1911 Census:** Charles, age 24, is working as a civil engineer and had moved with his Mother and sisters to Galleycroft House, Hatfield. At the time of his death Charles must have been 29.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** 2<sup>nd</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield. *Caesar, Patrick, Lieut. Galleycroft - 8<sup>th</sup> Bn. Welsh Regt.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1916:** *killed in Action – Lt. Charles Patrick Caesar, King's Shropshire Light Infantry.*

*Patrick Caesar lived his short life chiefly in our midst. He was known to many parishioners; he was respected and admired, nay loved by a very large number. His sterling, upright character, his unfaltering Christianity, his strict adhesion to duty – all combined to impress those around him, unobtrusive though his example ever was. When the fact of his heroic death became known, there was a feeling – grief for him and for those he loved, to whom he was all in all. Whether at school or in the office or later on at Oxford, everywhere Patrick Caesar was loved and followed, for his influence was always for good. The war broke out and he joined the Army, surrendering for the time being his dearest hope of entering Holy Orders, and there too this leading characteristic of influencing men continued. His Mother hears that when he was killed in a great advance on the 14<sup>th</sup> July, while leading his men to victory, officers and men alike mourned his loss most deeply; they recognised his integrity and his splendid soldierly qualities. What his loss must be to those who are left behind in that desolated home, one dare not think. His blameless life and glorious death will remain in our memories*

as an example of Christian endeavour and Christian sacrifice; his good influence on the men and boys of Hatfield will live as long as memory lasts. And in the great Life Beyond, he is now by prayer united to us, and we can be sure that his voice is not still and that his spirit is ever pleading for those whom he loved and among whom he dwelt. On July 24<sup>th</sup> there was a Celebration of the Holy Communion at the Parish Church to which Lieutenant Caesar's friends were asked to come and pray for him; this many did. Appended is a letter received by his Mother from the Chaplain, describing what occurred; truly his was a gallant death.

July 18th

Dear Mrs Caesar, - In the attack on the 14<sup>th</sup> July, we gained a victory but suffered some loss, and amongst those whom we could ill spare is your son. We found him by the enemy wire over which his men had to get. A machine gun swept the ground in front and your son was killed almost at the moment of victory. He was a fine fellow, and those of us who remain are feeling very sad about it. He died a soldier's death leading his men up the slope of the hill. I have known him from the old Aldershot days and he was always the same quiet, steady man, who in a tight place would act best for his men without thought for his own danger. Will you please accept my own, and the sympathy of those who are left, in your loss. - I am yours sincerely P. Erskine Lee, C.F."

**Herts. Advertiser, 29.7.1916:**

Lieut. Pat Caesar of the Shropshire Light Infantry the only son of Mrs Caesar of Galley Croft has been killed in the recent fighting in France. Previous to the war he was well known for the energetic part he took in the social and church work of the parish and was also a prominent figure in local cricket. He was studying at Oxford with the intention of taking Holy Orders. A special service for the repose of his soul was held in the Parish Church on Monday morning. Much sympathy is felt in the parish for his widowed mother and her daughters.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Caesar (Mother) of Galleycroft House, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



The Hall's family grave with an inscription to  
Charles Patrick Caesar K.I.A. July 1916  
St Etheldreda's Church

## Canham, John Henry.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Bishops Hatfield St Luke's Churchyard**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC

<b>Name:</b>	CANHAM, J. H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	02/06/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	3113
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	1.1.17
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>BISHOPS HATFIELD (ST LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield St Luke's War Memorials :** Yes

**Service Record: British Army Service Records 1914-1919:** John Henry Canham was 20 years & 10mths old when he enlisted. He was working as a fitters mate. John was living in Ground Lane, Hatfield with his parents & siblings. He was considered fit for service. From 14/09/1914 – 22/01/1915 John was at home, from 23/01/1915 – 23/05/1915 he was in France. John was wounded on the 18/05/1915, with a gunshot wound in the back. This was at Festubert. He was returned to England on 24/05/1915 and sadly died of his wound in England on 02/06/1915.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory medal, and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** John Henry Canham, age 7, is living at 20 Union Lane, Hatfield, with his parents John and Elizabeth and siblings, Percy, Mark and Gladys. Also living with them is a step brother Walter Collarbone.

**1911 Census:** The family are still living in Union Lane, John (the Father) worked as a bricklayer's labourer for the Railway Company. John Henry now age 17 is working as a domestic gardener.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine November 1914:** Third list of men mobilised from Hatfield – *John Canham – Union Lane – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Territorials.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine July 1915:** Roll of Honour - *Died of wounds – John Canham.....Mr and Mrs Canham, of Ground Lane, are also receiving much sympathy over the loss of their son, Private Canham; his wounds proved even more serious than was feared and he passed away on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, to the sorrow of his relatives and friends.*

### Memorial St Luke's Churchyard P1 26/18



In loving memory  
John H. Canham  
who died of wounds received in  
action at Festubert on June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1915 aged 21 years



**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs J Canham (Mother) of Ground Lane, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



(Herts. Advertiser)



Funeral of Pte. Canham

## Carlile, Edward H. Hanbury.



**Ponsbourne/Newgate Street Memorial**  
**St Mary's Church**

**Arras Memorial**

**Hertfordshire Yeomanry**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	CARLILE, E. H. H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Major
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Yeomanry attn Hertfordshire Regt.
<b>Age:</b>	37
<b>Date of Death:</b>	22/03/1918
<b>Additional information:</b>	Only son of Col. Sir Hildred Carlile, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bart., C.B.E. and the late Lady Carlile of Ponsbourne Park, near Hertford; husband of the late Ruth M. Carlile (afterwards Mrs Preston).
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Bay 1
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">ARRAS MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Edward Hildred Hanbury Carlile, Death date: 22 Mar 1918, Rank: Captain, Regiment: Household Cavalry and cavalry of the Line (incl. Yeomanry and Imperial Camel corps), Battalion: Herts. Yeomanry, Casualty: Killed in Action.

**London Gazette, 4<sup>th</sup> January 1918:** Capt. E. H. H. Carlile to be actg. Maj. whilst empld. on the Hd.-Qrs. of a Yeo. Cyc. 'Regt. 17th-Dec. 1917

### **Officers who died Serving in the Herts. Regt:**

**Captain (Major) Edward Hildred Hanbury CARLILE, Killed in Action 22nd March 1918, aged 37.**

Captain Carlile served in the Hertfordshire Yeomanry in England until posted to the front. He landed in France on the 19th January 1918 and joined the battalion on the front lines the following day. Two months later he was posted as missing during the opening phase of the German offensive and was later confirmed as having been killed on the 22nd March. He was the only son of Colonel, Sir Hildred Carlile, 1st Bart., C.B.E. and the late Lady Carlile, of Ponsbourne Park near Hertford and the husband of Ruth M. Carlile (later Mrs. Preston). He has no known grave but is remembered on the Arras memorial to the missing, on the Hertfordshire Yeomanry panel

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory medal and British War Medal

### **Further Research:.**

**1881 Census:** Lists an Edward H.H. Carlile, age 2mths, with his Father, Edward Hildred Carlile, a cotton thread manufacture, and Mother visiting an Elizabeth Hanbury in Wellington.

**1901 & 1911 Census:** Have been unable to find Edward H Hanbury Carlile on the 1901 & 1911 census, although in 1911, an Edward Hildred Carlile, age 58, Member of Parliament and his wife Isabella were living at Ponsbourne Park.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine Oct 1914, Ponsbourne News:** List of men who joined the forces from our parish - Hanbury Carlile...Hertfordshire Yeomanry.....

### Cambridge Uni. Alumni 1261-1900

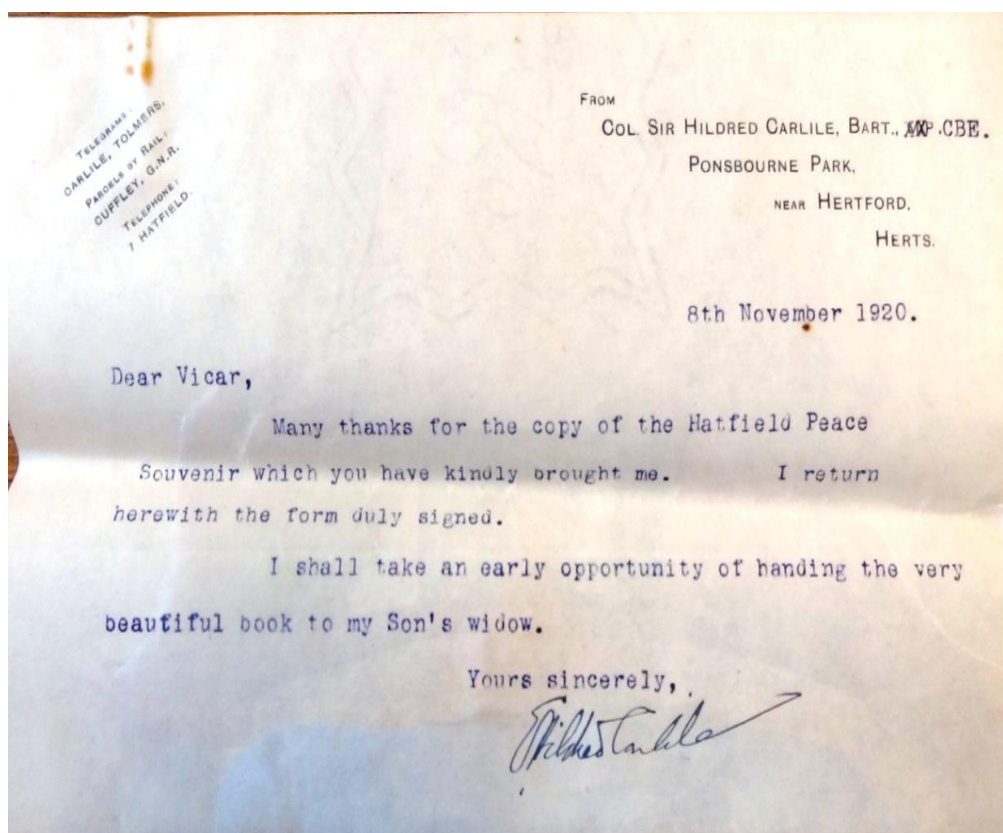
<b>Edward Hildred Hanbury. Carlile</b>	
College:	TRINITY
Entered:	Michs. 1899
Born:	28 Jan 1881
More Information:	<u>Adm.</u> pens. at TRINITY, June 25, 1899. S. and h. of Edward Hildred, of Helme Hall, near Huddersfield, Yorks. (afterwards Bart.). B. Jan. 28, 1881, at Meltham, Yorks. School, Harrow. <u>Matric.</u> Michs. 1899; B.A. 1904; M.A. 1907. <u>Adm.</u> at the Inner Temple, Apr. 27, 1904. Called to the Bar, 1907. Served in the Great War (Major, Herts. Yeo., attached 1st Herts. Regt.). Killed in action, Mar. 22, 1918, near Péronne. (Burke, <i>P. and B.</i> )

**London, Eng. marriages & banns 1754-1921:-** On 8th august 1917, Edward H. Hanbury Carlile, married at, All Souls Church, St Marylebone, London, aged 36, Captain, living at Ponsbourne Park married to a Ruth Millicent Dawson.

### **Eng. & Wales, National Probate Calendar (index of wills & administrations), 1861-1941:**

Carlile, Edward Hildred Hanbury of Ponsbourne Park Hertford Captain H.M. Army Died 23 March 1918 in France on active service. Probate London 25 June to Henry Lionel Brutton solicitor, Thomas Brooke manufacturer and Janet Mary Muriel Carlisle spinster effects £1610 0s 11d.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Col. Sir Hildred Carlile (Father) of Ponsbourne Park received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album



Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies.





Published in "The Sphere" 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1919  
[www.ww1photos.com](http://www.ww1photos.com)

Family Memorial, St Mary's Churchyard,  
 Ponsbourne/Newgate St.

In ever loving memory of  
 Edward Hildred Hanbury Carlile  
 Major Herts Yeomanry  
 attached Herts Regiment  
 born January 28<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 Killed in Action March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1918  
 near Villiers, Faucon, France.  
 The dear husband of Ruth Millicent Carlile  
 and only son of  
 Sir Edward Hildred Carlile, Baronet  
 of Ponsbourne, C.B.E. and Isabella his wife.





## Carloss, Arthur.



**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. Memorial**  
**St Mary's Church**



**Royal Army Medical Corps**

**CWGC Entry:** No entry

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Ponsbourne/Newgate Street War Memorial:** Yes

Carloss, Arthur, Private, Royal Army Medical Corps, K.I.A. Arras 1917

**Service Record:** None Found

**Medal Card:** A medal card for an Arthur E or F Carloss has been found - Private in the Royal Army Medical Corps No. 49209. Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. **Cannot be sure this is the same person**

### **Further Research:**

**1911 Census:** While there are three people called Arthur Carloss on the 1911 census none of them appear to have any relationship with the Hatfield area.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Ponsbourne News – List of men who have joined the Forces..... *Arthur Carloss – R.A.M.C.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, February 1915:** Ponsbourne News - Roll of Honour – *In preparation for the Front.....A. Carloss.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1915:** Ponsbourne News – *"The following letter has been received by the Vicar from Arthur Carloss, with the Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C. "It is with much pleasure and many thanks to you that I write a few lines in acknowledgement of yours yesterday. I must thank you and all at Ponsbourne for their kind thoughts of me. I am sure it is very encouraging for me to know that none of us are forgotten at the services held at your church. I am keeping in splendid health, and fit and am still able to dodge the shells that are thrown about so carelessly out here. We are at present having a little better weather than the last few days, for we had been having quite a lot of rain. I will conclude, hoping that my letter will find you are all at Ponsbourne quite well, and thanking you again for your helpful letter".*  
*Yours Sincerely, A. Carloss*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** No souvenir was requested by the relatives/friends of Arthur Carloss; address given was Ponsbourne Park.

See letter on next page.

MARY'S VICARAGE,  
PONSBOURNE,  
NR. HERTFORD. Dec 12, 1919.

Dear Sir

I am enclosing a  
Souvenir Application Card for  
F. Hobbs in case he has not  
sent in the original. He is away  
from home; so that is one  
reason for the delay. I think  
there is only one outstanding card  
now. A Carlos. I understand he  
was a Canadian; but am making  
further enquiries.  
Yours faithfully  
M. A. Whitby

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Letter from C.J. Armstrong (Vicar) to Mr M. A. Whitby

St Mary's Vicarage,  
Ponsbourne,  
Nr. Hertford.

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Yours faithfully  
M. A. Whitby

## Cecil, George Edward.



George Edward Cecil



Guards Grave  
Villiers Cotterets Forest



Grenadier Guards

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	CECIL, G. E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Second Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Grenadier Guards No. 4 Coy. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	18
<b>Date of Death:</b>	01/09/1914
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Col. Lord Edward Cecil (Grenadier Guards), fourth son of the third Marquess of Salisbury, and of Violet Georgina (Lady Edward Cecil), daughter of Admiral Frederick Maxse.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II. 4.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>GUARDS GRAVE VILLIERS COTTERETS FOREST</b>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour: Cecil, George Edward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut., 2<sup>nd</sup> Battn. Grenadier Guards. Only son of Lord Edward Cecil, K.C.M.G., D.S.O. Brevet Col., Coldstream Guard, financial advisor to the Egyptian Government since 1912, his wife, Violet Georgina, 2<sup>nd</sup> dau. Of Admiral Frederick Augustus Maxse of Dunley Hill Surrey, and Godson of Robert Arthur Talbot, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marquess of Salisbury, K.G., P.C.; b. 20, Arlington Street W., 9 Sept 1895; educ. Winchester and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst where he took the prize cadetship in 1912, passing out at the end of 1913. He passed his examination for a French cadetship in Jan 1914 and was gazetted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battn. Grenadier Guards, 25 Feb following. On the outbreak of War in Aug. 1914 Cecil acted as orderly officer to General Scott Kerr at the Battle of Landrecies. He was killed in the severe action fought by the rearguard of the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, near Villiers-Cotterets 1 Sept 1914.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### Further Research:

**1911 Census:** George Edward Cecil, age 15, a student at Winchester College.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine October 1914:** Hatfield Roll of Honour.....*Great anxiety is felt about Mr. George Cecil, who is reported "missing" and of whom no certain knowledge has yet been obtained. He is probably wounded and a prisoner; indeed that is the best hope.....*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine December 1914:** War and the Herts. Territorials - .....*Mr George Cecil fell gallantly fighting in a wood near Villiers Cotterets, his company was surrounded by Germans on three sides and he was shot through the head and chest: for a long time the story of his death was not known because what remained of the Company was captured by the Germans; but luckily in their retreat they left behind some of the wounded in the company who brought the story of how gallantly they fought and told how they buried George Cecil. This story has been lately confirmed by the exhumation of the body which has been laid to rest near an old French church with his brother officers who fell with him. His death not only brings sorrow to his mother for he was her only and much beloved son, but it robs England of one of the men who might have been of the very greatest service to Her, for he was only 19 and gave promise of being a man who would make his*

mark on the world.....**Hatfield Roll Honour**.....*Mr George Cecil's death is now quite certain we must all feel deep sympathy with Lord and Lady Edward Cecil on the loss of their only son, so promising and brilliant.*

### **The Western Front Association**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. G. E. Cecil, 2 Bn. Grenadier Guards**

**By Barrie Thorpe**

Killed in action 1 September 1914.

Buried at the Guard's Grave. Villers-Cotterets Forest, (Index No Fr 1108) Row 11 Grave 4. Memorial: Stone memorial carved in relief, on hairpin on left of the road to Vivieres from V-Cotterets, 250m after the Guard's Cemetery. Maps: 56/9/2512 OT, Guardian: CWGC



George Edward Cecil, born on 9 September 1895 the son of Lord and Lady Edward Cecil, had a life-long ambition to soldier. After Winchester College (1909-12) he passed into Sandhurst as a King's Cadet aged 17 and was gazetted Ensign in his father's old regiment in February 1914. Still only 18, he went to France with his Battalion on 13 August 1914. It was among the first to arrive.

At first, Cecil acted as Orderly Officer to General Scott Kerr but had command of a platoon by the time the Guards crossed the Aisne at Pommiers during the Retreat. Exhausted by days of marching, 2Bn. Grenadiers were at rest when orders came in soon after midnight on 1 September to take up a rear-guard position just north of Vivieres. No casualties resulted from the first encounter with enemy patrols at first light and the Battalion retired in good order into the forest of Villers-Cotterets.

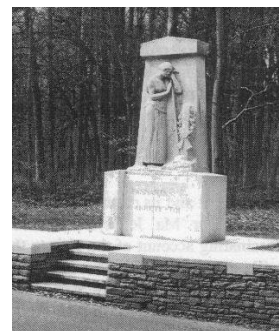
There was an outburst of firing at about 11am which soon became chaotic forest fighting at point blank range. Part of No 4 Company made a counter attack, suffering badly in the melee and most of its officers and men were either killed, wounded or missing, among them George Cecil. He was killed leading a bayonet charge, sword in hand.

The story of this engagement and its casualties appears in "Fifteen Rounds a Minute", the diaries of Major 'Ma' Jeffreys (J M Craster, McMillan 1976). This also gives a fascinating account of the visit to the battlefield later that same month by Cecil's mother, and the subsequent visit by Lord Killanin in November 1914 to locate and exhume all those buried in a pit after the action of 1 September. The CWGC burial report confirms the facts. Killanin's party found 94 men, recorded their details where possible and re-buried them under a cross, on the spot. This later became the Guards Cemetery. They found the four officers who had been killed and were able to identify them by clothing and personal effects; 2/Lt Cecil being identified by the initials on his vest. The officers were originally buried in a hastily purchased plot in the cemetery at Villers-Cotterets but after the War their remains were brought back to join their men.

In 1916 Lady Edward Cecil gave the Cecil Range to Winchester in memory of her son and this is still in use. Later she erected a stone memorial by the roadside to commemorate the action of 1 September. On the front is inscribed 'PASSANT ARRETE-TOI' below a carving in relief of a weeping women standing by a soldier's grave. On the back, the inscription reads:

*'IN HONOUR OF THE OFFICERS AND / MEN OF THE GRENADIER COLDSTREAM / AND IRISH GUARDS WHO FELL NEAR / THIS SPOT ON 1st SEPTEMBER 1914. / THIS MEMORIAL WAS PLACED HERE BY / THE MOTHER OF ONE OF THEM AND / IS ESPECIALLY DEDICATED TO SECOND / LIEUTENANT GEORGE EDWARD CECIL'*

Although much in the style of CWGC architecture the memorial was privately built and cared for until 1978 when the Grenadiers paid for the removal of a yew hedge and a reduction in the area to be maintained. They then provided capital to provide income for future maintenance and the memorial has remained in the care of CWGC ever since.



**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Lady Edward Cecil (Mother)  
Hatfield House received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Cecil, John Arthur Gascoyne. M.C



Military Cross



Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux



Royal Artillery Badge

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GASCOYNE-CECIL, J. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Captain
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Field Artillery 75 <sup>th</sup> Bde.
<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Date of Death:</b>	27/08/1918
<b>Additional information:</b>	Awards M.C. Son of the Bishop of Exeter & Lady Florence Cecil. His brothers Randle William and Rupert Edward also fell.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VI.D.23
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">BUCQUOY ROAD CEMETERY, FICHEUX</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** John Arthur Gascoyne-Cecil, Death date: 17 Aug 1918. Rank: Captain, Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, Decoration: MC, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Comments: Territorial.

**London Gazette 8<sup>th</sup> August 1913:** ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY. 4<sup>th</sup> Home Counties (Howitzer) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery; John Arthur Gascoyne-Cecil to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1913.

**London Gazette 6<sup>th</sup> December 1915:** The under mentioned to be Adjutants.....Lieutenant J.A. Gascoyne-Cecil Territorial Force dated 31<sup>st</sup> 1915.

**London Gazette June 1917:** The under mentioned to be acting Captain 25th Apr. 1917. Lt. J. A. Gascoyne-Cecil, T.F.

**Medal Card:** Victory Medal, British War Medal. Gallantry medal, M.C. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### Further Research:

**1901 & 1911 Census:** John Arthur Gascoyne-Cecil is living with his parents, and siblings at St Audrey's Rectory, Old Hatfield. His father was the Rector for Hatfield (later to become the Bishop of Exeter). John Arthur was 18 in 1911.

**Bishops Hatfield Parish Magazine, February 1915:** Extracts from Letters from the Front.....*The firing line was quite interesting; German shells were dropping in one spot a hundred yards away quite regularly; they have been doing so for the last month because the enemy thinks there is a battery there. The shells make a most unpleasant screech, rather like the whistle of a S.E.R. engine, and then a large bang. It looks as if we were for a dull time. I've seen a ruined church and village which was a desolate sight.....We are in comfortable quarters, but the guns shake and worry one. At present the people who are suffering are the infantry and horses. We lose horses daily from the cold. It snowed all day today. The frozen feet our men have are awful from being in the mud all day. I wonder what it will be like after the war. The whole thing is so frightfully cold-blooded. ....War has lost its glamour for me. When you spend hours with under horsed ammunition wagons stuck in the mud by the side of a Belgian paved road, rain in torrents all the time, the horses jibbing, heavy motor lorries passing with food for the men to kill men, and motor ambulances passing back full and smooth-going*

*seeming to know what suffering cargo they carry; above all, the almost continuous booming of guns and the distant rattle of rifles, permeate right into yourself. At night the horizon is lighted up by star shells and by some house burning or hayrick.....*

*John Cecil*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1915:** Extracts from Letters from the Front-

*April 16<sup>th</sup> 1915*

*.....One gets so deadly sick of the sounds of guns and rifles..... It's much more interesting here. In this position the Germans seem to surround one on all sides. One is penisulated almost. At night the star shells go up on all sides. The ground is rather flat and woody, so observing has to be done from the firing trenches by means of a periscope. The view is very limited in a periscope which makes observing very difficult, as unless the rounds burst fairly accurately, one misses them altogether. There was great excitement in T's column the other day; a couple of Taubes came over and dropped bombs on to some of the wagons which were waiting in the square of the town. They had several horses killed and some men wounded.....*

*April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1915*

*.....We observe from the fire trenches....I don't know if I told you that before.....which is interesting but rather useless as you can see very little from them except the German trench about a mile away.....It is sometimes very hard to believe we are still at war. One goes through a delightful pine wood to the trenches. Everything is quiet except for an occasional zeep of a bullet and the twitter of birds. Everything is getting green and budding. Everything suggests newness – a fresh start. One goes a little further on. All the trees are smashed by shrapnel; there are shell holes full of stagnant water. The smell is a Rifle Van Wombley one. A little further on are the trenches where one finds a body of men intent on destroying life. In front of the trench some dead Frenchmen, I think they must be a relic from last year. A little on is a German trench and beyond that is a district which one speculates about perpetually. One takes the bearings of even the trees in order to gain some idea of the order of things. It's all very interesting and absorbing.....The day before yesterday the Boches dropped about 60 6in. shells round the Batteries about here. ....They contain cyanide and potassium or something like it, the effect was rather demoralizing. One's eyes began to smart and in a short time no one could see. In one Battery the shells fell fairly close and some of the men became unconscious. In other cases the men were violently sick. I think it is a terribly mean method of war.*

*John Cecil*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine July 1915:** Extracts from Letters from the Front

*June 6<sup>th</sup> 1915*

*....We have had a divisional move to a very quiet spot about the centre of the English lines. Nothing has happened here for months. The trenches are magnificent constructions about 300 to 600 yards away from the Germans, (though at one point the trenches are only about 30 yards apart and one can hear the Germans laughing and talking.) They actually have flower gardens in them. Water is laid on and all the trenches are carefully paved with bricks. The communication trench leading to the reserve trench is large enough to take horses down. Very different from where we come from.....*

*18<sup>th</sup> June 1915*

*.....I think you must really be having a more interesting time now than we are. Here it is very quiet. Our only excitement was a German mine blowing up a portion of our trenches. Otherwise everything is very peaceful. I suppose it is munitions or rather the lack of munitions that is causing the Russians to retreat. It is rather depressing though. The pity of it is we cannot make a bigger effort owing to our now acknowledged shortage.....*

*21<sup>st</sup> June 1915*

*The war was going to be over the middle of this month and as it won't I think everyone is more or less depressed, especially as things seem to be going fairly well with the Germans. One redeeming feature is that their victory over the Russians is not due to their own frightfulness or power but rather to the sudden weakness of the Russians. After all the Bosches tried for five awful weeks to get through at Ypres and failed; while this second battle of Ypres was going on they lost ground at other parts of the Western line. Then when at last they gave up, they are able to drive the Russians helter skelter, who had only spades and picks and bayonets to fight with. Apparently people at home are saying Neuve Chapelle was a mistake. It was not. It was a failure which did more towards the completion of the war even so than all the winter campaign. Of course here we are more bored than depressed. We have to be hopelessly vigilant which is very wearying. I must say I should like to get away though from the sounds of war and responsibilities it entails.....You talk about a recruiting meeting held in the open and that men had not joined yet. I would not worry them to join. Men who always consider*

themselves and their likes and dislikes, whose gods are themselves, are to put it vulgarly, no dam good in a show where every man has to sacrifice his likes continually and often himself after.

John Cecil

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine: Dec 1915:** Extracts from Letters from the Front –

Marseilles, Nov 18, 1915

.....I don't know how long I shall be here, perhaps a very short time. Nothing is known .....This place is most interesting. The streets are crowded all day and up to 1a.m. It is the most cosmopolitan crowd I've seen. French, Moroccans, Turcos, Greeks, Serbs, English, Indians, Americans.....All the French soldiery wear medals. You see people who look like Turks wearing the Croix de la Guerre, and practically everybody wears the Legion of Honour. A few wounded but not many, French soldiers with their blue helmets. English soldiers looking dazed but happy. Much Entente Cordiale. Always 'Abas les Boches but thank heaven for the War, it brings such trade to the belle ville. There is one music hall still going, that had a Franco-Britannic piece with a comic Scotchman by a bad French actor. I was with a Cameronian officer at the time so par politesse did not laugh.

John Cecil

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine Feb 1916:** Mentioned in despatches – Lieut. John Cecil – Adjutant, 19<sup>th</sup> Brigade R.F.A.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Mar 1916:** Extracts from Letters from the Front –

Salonika 27<sup>th</sup> January 1916

Here it is very much colder. The night it freezes and there is snow on most of the hills, while the mountain of the gods is lovely and very reminiscent of Lunn's Tours to Switzerland. A very bleak country, brown in the distance, and dried grass when you get close; earth a red colour, well described by khaki. Valleys are traced by deep mullahs, which are too deep to get a horse over. I think I'm in a position to picturefy, as I've only seen one day here. There are the wind and rain to relate. They say the wind is like that of Marseilles and the rain equatorial, but that I will leave to another letter.....What roguish lot these Greeks seem and look. They are very picturesque and poverty stricken in appearance, but perhaps it is the latter quality which makes them seem so bandittesque. They say it is wise to carry a revolver always, but I think a knife would be more efficient and in keeping with the habit of the country. They have a most convenient multiplication system for foreigners – 3times 4 is 13, and 6times 3 is 19, and so on. They will argue they're right till you have to give in, because that time is money is a motto reversed with them (in meaning only).....

John Cecil, 19<sup>th</sup> Brigade, R.F.A.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine April 1916:** Extracts from Letters from the Front –

Near Salonika, 8<sup>th</sup> February 1916

.....We've been away the last week on a reconnaissance, which was interesting but not very exciting. The Bulgars are miles away and we are just sitting down, doing nothing as usual. The country was rather lovely; we were quite close to the nearest lake. The hills are full of shrubs of all kinds, with crocuses and other flowers just starting: the plains are marshy, with any amount of wild fowl. Some members of our party had guns they brought in France; they supplied the larder with geese, duck, snipe and woodcock. They say there are wolves; we saw none, but we heard jackals every night. Partridges, too with magpies, owls and hawks, besides lots of smaller birds are plentiful. There are no roads to shout about and villages are small and desolate. They have churches which are hard to recognise as such, and quaint-looking old priests with a kind of top hat and flowing robes. The houses are all of stone and mud and very squat. The family pets – such as pigs, donkeys, ponies, cows and hens, turkeys and ducks – stroll about the villages, making them look homely. Tiny donkeys are used for carrying huge bundles of wood or hay, etc., pannier fashion. Their women all wear trousers like the men; the only difference is that whereas the men's are baggy where they sit down and tight around the calves, the women's are baggy all the way down. The weather has been good, and with the exception of one day which was very wet. Cold nights and hot days. The plains are planted with maize. Old Greek is quite like the modern and a very useful beginning; I find I can get what I want nearly always. The men always look like bandits. It is very curious there are Greek villages, Turkish and Bulgarians, quite close to each other; they all talk their own language, and employ them all in making roads. We arrived back yesterday, and to-day I went to S.....; a more grubby crowd I've seldom seen. There are lots of women still veil their faces. I can quite sympathize if they have fine eyes and nothing else. Some of the folk are fair. Red hair is not extraordinary, though black hair and nasty low faces are more common. Masses of Greek soldiery, looking very dirty, stroll the town. In the back streets all windows are latticed, a relic of the Turks, like the minarets, which are certainly very pretty, they say there is a Church and Mosque which are worth visiting, but I have not seen them yet. From all appearances it seems likely we shall be here for some time doing absolutely nothing.

John Cecil, 19<sup>th</sup> Brigade, R.F.A

15<sup>th</sup> March 1916

.....I don't think I told you about the tortoises, there are a lot here. You find shells all over the place. Our General has a theory that they change shells and that those we find are to let or perhaps are in insanitary surroundings. They are quite interesting animals. The doctor left one in a box over a week and it was quite cheery when discovered. They are said to feed on insects and immature plants, they catch flies by coming up and out of their shells so slowly that the fly cannot see them coming. Besides them there are lizards which are very hard to catch; besides it's undignified. The birds here are numerous, from the crow to the golden eagle who flies for the hour without winking an eyelid or flapping a wing. Herons too, are comic birds. I was quite excited though when my groom told me he had seen an ostrich sitting in a tree. He meant a stork, but it wasn't even that, only a lowly heron. I have spent and shall spend most of my time surveying. It's quite interesting examining the country you hope, I should and ought to say, might bombard one day. The place is the site of the final stand of the Turks before they were driven into the Chalcedon promontory or whatever they call it. There are all the trenches and the graveyards. Masses of folk must have been killed here to judge by the size of them. It's really a lovely country. There is splendid riding and jolly hills. Many flowers I've never seen before and lots I have. I found a spring onion growing wild today, a relic of past civilization. The villages are only half habited; many of the houses are in ruins. I expect in the time of the Turks this was a very prosperous place. At present cultivation is carried on in a very homely manner – a wooden plough drawn by a yoke of oxen or buffalo. They only plough about two or three inches and then in wonderfully wiggly lines. There are Greek relics, gold ornaments have been found when digging trenches but I've no luck. I've only seen a few odd bits of pillars, they might have been drain pipes but I don't think so, as this is not a sanitary land. The people are quite friendly as a rule but very wiffy so I don't like holding prolonged attempts at conversational intercourse. The children are very pretty but beauty in a woman is a thing of the past, at ten years old. Some of the boys have truly Grecian features; one generally takes that as a sign of rascality and a cheat.....  
John Cecil, 19<sup>th</sup> Brigade R.F.A.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine Feb 1918:** Promotions – We have great pleasure in noting that Major John Cecil, R.F.A. has received the Military Cross.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Oct 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – Capt. John A Gascoyne-Cecil. In these pages it is especially grievous to record the death of a third son of the late Rector and Lady Florence. Capt. John A. Gascoyne-Cecil, M.C. to give his full title to the boy whom we all think of as "Jack" has proved himself worthy of the name he bore and has brought fresh honours to it. Already a Territorial officer before the outbreak of War, he was one of those mobilised at the outbreak of War and at Christmas 1914, he was sent to the front with his battery. He was mentioned in despatches after the 2<sup>nd</sup> battle of Ypres and eventually transferred to the Salonika front. It is believed, an open secret, that having obtained leave to return to England, he insisted on being sent to the Western Front that he might experience the brunt of the fighting, not considering that his was sufficiently arduous task in the Balkans. Within 3 weeks of his return to France he was killed by a shell while reconnoitring a very forward position.

This was all of a piece with his intensely virile energy, which would have carried him far in life: he was absolutely fearless physically and morally, very tenacious of his purpose and of an affection which accords generally with men of a softer mode. He left his mark in whatever society he was in and we can believe that "Officers, N.C.O.s and men placed thorough reliance on his leadership which was of a very high order". This is the price which we shall have paid for peace, the very best that England had to give.

The following letter has been received in answer to a telegram from some of the older inhabitants of Hatfield. "The Bishop of Exeter and Lady Florence Cecil wish to thank all their friends for their telegram of sympathy in their sorrow. They wish they could see each individually to thank them better, but must content themselves with the most heartfelt line of gratitude

**Herts. Advertiser Reports: 7.9.18 & 14.9.18:**  
Capt John Cecil.

*Bishop of Exeter's third son killed in France.*

*The deepest sympathy of the inhabitants of Hatfield pours out to the Bishop of Exeter and Lady Florence Cecil in the loss of their third son, Capt John Cecil, who was killed in France on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Capt Cecil joined the Army*



*immediately war broke out. In the early days of the war he saw service in France with the Artillery and from France was drafted to Salonica and Mesopotamia. He only returned to France a short time before his death.*

**Capt J A Gascoyne-Cecil.** *Killed seventeen days after going to France.*

*Capt J A Gascoyne Cecil, M C, third son of the Bishop of Exeter and Lady Florence Cecil and nephew of the Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury, whose death in action was announced in our last issue was born in March 1895 (?) and was educated at Westminster, where he became ? and represented the school at Aldershot and in the Public Schools gymnastics competition. He was employed at Vickers Works and was a Territorial officer in a Howitzer battery composed chiefly of Vickers' staff for a year before the outbreak of war. At Christmas 1914, the Brigade of which his battery was a unit was converted into a Divisional Ammunitions column and sent to the front. Soon after, however, he succeeded in getting attached to a Regular battery and was given a section. He remained in his new brigade for three years and became brigade adjutant and was promoted to captain. That year he was awarded the Military Cross. Returning from Salonica he went out to the front on August 10<sup>th</sup> and was killed on the 27<sup>th</sup> by a shell while reconnoitring a very forward position for a section of guns.*

*Deceased's commanding officer writes:-*

*"He had taken over the battery at a very strenuous time when I had been slightly wounded and throughout the time he was commanding behaved with the greatest gallantry and dash. The officers, N C Os and men placed thorough reliance on his leadership, which was of a very high order."*

*Capt Cecil's youngest brother, Rupert, Lieutenant, Bedfordshire Regiment, was killed in July, 1915, his eldest brother, Randall, lieutenant R H A, was killed in December 1917 and his second brother, Capt. Victor Cecil, Hampshire Regiment has been twice severely wounded.*

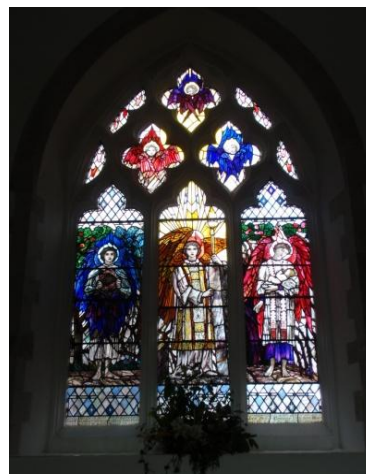
#### **Eng & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1861-1941:**

Cecil, John Arthur Gascoyne of Baron Place Exeter, Captain R.F.A. M.C. died 27 August 1918 in France on active service. Administration, London, 12 August to the honourable right reverend William Ernest Gascoyne Cecil, Bishop of Exeter. Effects, £1203 5s. 5d.

#### **Stained Glass Memorial at St Etheldreda's Church**

Christopher Whall designed the memorial window on the north wall of the nave near to the porch. The window is dedicated to the memory of three of the Cecil family and the inscription reads **"TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF RUPERT EDWARD GASCOYNE CECIL BORN JANU 20TH 1895 KILLED IN ACTION JULY 11 1915 AND OF RANDLE WILLIAM GASCOYNE CECIL BORN NOV 28TH 1889 KILLED IN ACTION DEC 1ST 1917 AND OF JOHN ARTHUR GASCOYNE CECIL BORN MARCH 28TH 1893 KILLED IN ACTION AUGUST 27TH 1918 I LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME"**. The window consists of three lights. The window was presented in 1920 by James, Fourth Marquess of Salisbury, in memory of his three nephews. Their father was Lord William Cecil, then Bishop of Exeter who had previously been rector at Hatfield. The three angels in the work represent "Trial and Sacrifice" (crown of thorns), "Victory and Triumph" (resurrection and torch) and "Christian Duty" (baptism of the infant). The red seraphim in the tracery above represent "Divine Love" and the blue seraphim represent "Divine Wisdom"

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**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Lady Florence Cecil (Mother) requested an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".

## Cecil, Randle William Gascoyne.



Randle William Gascoyne-Cecil



Cambrai Memorial Louverval



Royal Field Artillery

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GASCOYNE-CECIL, R. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Horse Artillery & Royal Field Artillery
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Date of Death:</b>	01/12/1917
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of the Right Rev. Lord William Gascoyne-Cecil; husband of Elizabeth Claire Gascoyne-Cecil, c/o Lady Florence Cecil, of Barton Place, Exeter. His brothers John Arthur and Rupert Edward also fell.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 1
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">CAMBRAI MEMORIAL LOUVERVAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919: Randle William Gascoyne-Cecil, Death Date: 1 Dec 1917, Rank: Lieutenant, Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, Type of Casualty: Killed in Action, Comments: Territorial.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Further information on card shows that Randle joined 15/Can. Inf. Bn. Pte. 77504. Then R.H.A. Lt.

### Further Research:

**1901 & 1911 Census:** Randle (aged 11 & 21 respectively) is living with his parents and siblings at St Audrey's Rectory, Back Street, Old Hatfield. In 1911 Randle was an undergraduate at Oxford.

**Bishops Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of men Mobilised from Hatfield, *Randle Cecil – St Audrey's – Rocky Mountain Rangers Canadian Contingent.*

**Bishops Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1917:** *Wounded – Randle Cecil, Lt. – Canadian Contingent*

**Bishops Hatfield Parish Magazine, January 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour, *Our deepest sympathy goes to our late Rector and Lady Florence in the further loss they have sustained in the death of their eldest son Lieut. Randle Cecil, R.F.A. Few of us who can remember him as a boy of studious ways with an old fashioned courtesy all his own, but will remember him with tenderness and regret. Of late too he had shown himself a very gallant soldier, of a courage which never counted the cost and he met his end having served his guns to the last and joining the infantry against overwhelming odds. That one who was no soldier by nature should have proved himself so completely a soldier without fear and without reproach, has proved indeed the true spirit which was within him*

**Herts. Advertiser, 15.12.1917:**

*Captain R. W. Cecil.*

*Bishop's son killed in action.*

*Much sympathy will be felt for Lord Wm. Cecil, Bishop of Exeter, and Lady Florence Cecil, in the sorrow that has befallen them in the death in action of their eldest son, Captain Randle William Cecil. The letter from an army chaplain conveying the sad information reads*

*"On Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> there was very heavy fighting in a village recently captured from the Germans when your son's trench mortars were put out of action. He very gallantly went to the assistance of the infantry who were hard pressed, and was given the command of a company. On the Saturday the village was shelled with extreme violence and a shell practically hit your son (his men report) killing him instantly."*

*The letter adds that all are grieved as he was well known as a very gallant and capable officer, while many knew him as a charming friend and companion."*

*Capt. Cecil, who had been living in the Dominions, came over with the Canadians and was subsequently given a commission in an English regiment. He was born in 1869 and leaves a widow. Lieutenant Edward Cecil, Bedfordshire Regt, fourth son of the Bishop of Exeter and Lady Florence Cecil, was killed in action was killed in action in July 1916, and their second son, Lieutenant Victor Alexander has been twice wounded*

#### **www.thepeerage.com:**

Randle William **Gascoyne-Cecil** was born on 28 November 1889. He was the son of Rt. Rev. Lord Rupert Ernest William **Cecil** and Lady Florence Mary **Bootle-Wilbraham**. He married, firstly, Dorothy May **Janaway**, daughter of Edward **Janaway**, on 16 June 1914. He and Dorothy May **Janaway** were divorced in 1915. He married, secondly, Elizabeth Claire **Turner**, daughter of George **Turner**, on 2 June 1916. He died on 1 December 1917 at age 28, killed in action.

He gained the rank of Lieutenant in the service of the Warwickshire Royal Horse Artillery. He fought in the First World War between 1915 and 1917, where he was wounded.

#### **Children of Randle William Gascoyne-Cecil and Elizabeth Claire Turner**

1. William **Gascoyne-Cecil**<sup>1</sup> b. 1917, d. 1917
2. Anne Mary **Gascoyne-Cecil**<sup>1</sup> b. 29 Jul 1918

**England and Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administration), 1861-1919:** Cecil, Randle William Gascoyne of 30 Rifle Crescent, Aston, Birmingham, Lieutenant Royal Horse Artillery died 1 December 1917 in France on active service. Administration, London, 3 January to Elizabeth Claire Cecil, widow. Effects £123.19s.1d.

#### **©New York Times:**

Published July 31 1915

### **LIEUT. CECIL DIVORCED.**

**Grandson of Famous Lord Salisbury Once Appeared Here as Actor.**

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, July 30.—Second Lieutenant Randle William Gascoyne Cecil, eldest son of the Rev. Lord William Cecil, and grandson of the celebrated Marquis of Salisbury, who married Miss Dorothy Jannaway, obtained a divorce yesterday. Eric Vigers was cited as co-respondent. Lieutenant Cecil, who is 24 years old, was sent down from University College, Oxford, for breach of discipline in November, 1908, his offense consisting in throwing stones at a Balliol window. This happened soon after a protest by his father in a letter to the press against clumsy, lower class policemen being employed to keep high-spirited gentlemen in order, instead of cultured and refined Oxford dons.

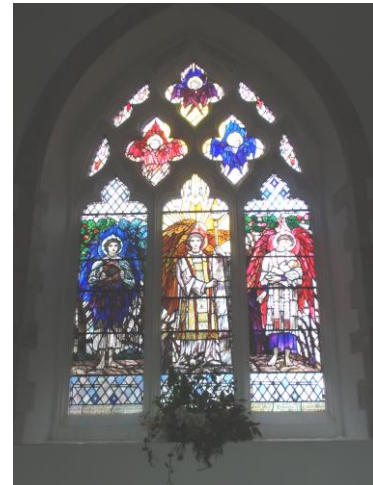
Young Cecil afterward appeared in small parts in Gaiety plays and accompanied George Grossmith on his American tour.

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**JULY 11 1915 AND OF RANDLE WILLIAM GASCOYNE CECIL BORN NOV 28TH 1889 KILLED IN ACTION DEC 1ST 1917 AND OF JOHN ARTHUR GASCOYNE CECIL BORN MARCH 28TH 1893 KILLED IN ACTION AUGUST 27TH 1918 I LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME".** The window consists of three lights. The window was presented in 1920 by James, Fourth Marquess of Salisbury, in memory of his three nephews. Their father was Lord William Cecil, then Bishop of Exeter who had previously been rector at Hatfield. The three angels in the work represent "Trial and Sacrifice" (crown of thorns), "Victory and Triumph" (resurrection and torch) and "Christian Duty" (baptism of the infant). The red seraphim in the tracery above represent "Divine Love" and the blue seraphim represents "Divine Wisdom

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**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Randle Cecil received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Cecil, Rupert Edward Gascoyne.



**Rupert Edward Gascoyne-Cecil**



**Railway Dugouts Burial Ground**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GASCOYNE-CECIL, R. E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	20
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11/07/1915
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of the Rt. Rev. Lord William Gascoyne-Cecil, Bishop of Exeter and Lady Florence Cecil. His brothers John Arthur and Randle William also fell.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	1.A.2.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">RAILWAY DUGOUTS BURIAL GROUND</a>

**Hatfield, In Memoriam Book:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour, 1914-1914:** Gascoyne-Cecil, Rupert Edward. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut., 4<sup>th</sup> att'd. 1<sup>st</sup> Batt'n. Bedfordshire Regt., 4<sup>th</sup> son of Rev. Cannon Lord William Rupert Ernest Gascoyne-Cecil, Rector of Hatfield, by his wife, Lady Florence Mary, nee Bootle Wilbraham, 3<sup>rd</sup> dau. Of Edward, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., P.C., and gdson. of Robert Arthur Talbot, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., P.C., G.C.V.O.; b. St Audrey's Hatfield 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 1895; educ. Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford; joined the Public School Corps on the outbreak of war, in Aug. 1914, and obtained his commission in the 4<sup>th</sup> Bedfordshire Regt. 15 Aug 1914. He was killed in action near Ypres, 11 July, 1915, during a bombardment succeeding the blowing up of a very big mine by the Germans between the trenches, and was buried close to the Ypres-Comin's line, in the brigade headquarters cemetery. His commanding officer wrote: "Your son was only with us unfortunately for a very short time, but he had endeared himself to all who knew him by his cheerfulness and soldierly qualities." Capt. Curtis wrote: "The Germans exploded a very large mine between two of our trenches about 7.15pm. and then shelled us heavily. On hearing the explosion your son immediately tried to get up to the fire trench, of which he was in charge, but unfortunately he was struck on the head by a fragment of shell, and was killed instantaneously..... He was always beloved by all his fellow officers and above all by his men, who had a great respect for him. We all feel the loss which the regt. has sustained by his death but we are proud he was doing his duty so nobly when he was killed. A Good many men were stunned and confused by the explosion, but your son remained cool." 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Cecil rowed in the Torpid at Oxford and was keenly interested in bell ringing. His three brothers all now (1916) on active service.....

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/1915 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal,

### Further Research:

**1901 & 1911 Census:** Rupert, age 6 and 16 respectively, is with his parents and siblings in St Audrey's Rectory, Back Street (Church St.) in Old Hatfield. In the 1911 census Rupert is listed as a student. The 1911 census also transposes his name to Edward Rupert.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** 2<sup>nd</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield – *Cecil. Rupert Lieut.* – *St Audrey's* – 4<sup>th</sup> Beds Regt.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1915:** - *Letters tell of Rupert Cecil's death. Besides these accounts has come that at the moment he was killed he was helping a wounded man.*

*A memorial service was held in the Parish Church on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> which was taken by his dearest friend*

the Rev. G.K.A. Bell, Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Organist and Choir gave of their best for this lovely service. The ringers remembered his keen interest in the Belfry and rang a muffled peal to his memory.

Rupert Edward Gascoyne-Cecil

News has been received that the Rector's youngest son, Lieutenant Rupert Cecil, was killed in action on Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>. That evening the enemy exploded a mine in the front trench which was, at the time, in his charge. He tried to get up to the mine crater to his men, but as he went he was hit and killed instantly. Anyone who knows what the explosion of a mine means will admire this coolness and courage on his part. But that was all in keeping with his whole character. To human eyes his seems perhaps a short life, yet his twenty years were twenty years of usefulness: for he was one of those blameless ones who strengthen those around them wherever they go.

As a Church worker, too, he made his usefulness felt in the parish. To this the bell-ringers will bear witness: when at home he was seldom absent from the ringers' floor on Sundays or on practice nights. And now his death for his country comes as the crowning act of usefulness. He has gone as one more from Hatfield into that band of great ones who have not shrunk from spending and being spent for others. C.T.T. Wood

On Active Service  
July 15<sup>th</sup> 1915

Dear Sir,

You will have heard, before this reaches you, the sad news about your son, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. R.E.G. Cecil. I am writing to try and express my very sincere sympathy, and that of all ranks of the Battalion, and to give you a few details as to what occurred. About 7.15 p.m. last night the Germans exploded a mine near our front trenches and at the same time opened artillery fire and a certain amount of rifle fire on the trenches near the mine. Your son was shot through the head, either by shrapnel or rifle bullet, and death was practically instantaneous and painless. He is to be buried this afternoon near Ypres-Comin's railway line (about a mile from the former place) where a number of officers and men have been buried. The Rev. Fitch, Chaplain to the 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade, has been asked to conduct the funeral service. Your son was only with us, unfortunately, for a very short time but he had endeared himself to all who knew him by his cheerfulness and soldierly qualities. With deepest sympathy Yours sincerely, Chas. N. Griffith. Lt.-Colonel Commanding 1<sup>st</sup> Beds Regt.

July 12<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to have to inform you that your son Rupert was killed in action yesterday. The Germans exploded a very large mine between our two trenches about 7.15 pm., and then shelled us heavily. On hearing the explosion your son immediately tried to get up to the fire trench of which he was in charge, but unfortunately he was struck on the head by a fragment of shell and was killed instantaneously. He is to be buried this afternoon at the Brigade Headquarters, where there is a small cemetery for officers and men, at 4 O'clock. The Brigade Chaplain, the Rev. Fitch, is officiating. I knew your son at Dovercourt, and I have been in charge of the company which he was in, for a few days since Captain Tollemache was admitted to hospital. He has always been beloved by all his fellow officers, and above all by his men, who had a great respect for him. We all feel the loss which the Regiment has sustained by his death, but we are proud he was doing his duty so nobly when he was killed. A good many men were stunned and confused by the explosion, but your son remained cool, and as I have already told you, he met his death going to his post.....

Please accept my deepest sympathy in the great loss you have sustained.

Yours sincerely, J.C. Curtis

July 15<sup>th</sup>

.....I was Lieut. Cecil's servant and was in his presence till five minutes before he was killed; he was hit in the head and passed away immediately. I must mention your son will always be missed by us all, and we hope that you will accept our deepest sympathy. He is to be buried about 1½ miles from where he was hit; a wooden cross was placed on his grave with the following words inscribed:-

R.I.P  
Lt, R. E. G. Cecil,  
1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordshire Regt,  
Killed in action, July 11<sup>th</sup> '15

I must say that no one could have wished to have a better officer than Lieut. Cecil. Several of us, including myself were in his Company at Dovercourt..... Yours respectfully, Pte. John A Lawrence



.....A mine has just blown a part of our trench up and killed several men, also Lieut. Cecil, whom we are all sorry to lose; it gives us a shaking.....I must tell you we have been relieved from the trenches so I write a bit more; we are ten or twelve miles back now; it is a treat to see people again; I expect we shall have a good rest this time. I am glad to get away from that place. It is a pity we lost so many just before we came away, from that mine, it was the worst one they had ever fired against us, it blew the ground up hundreds of feet high, as that went off they fired shrapnel for an hour: that is how Lieut. Cecil got killed, a piece catching him through the head; he had still got his smile when we buried him.....

Harry Monk  
(K.I.A. September 1915)

**Christchurch Oxford, [www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/memorials/ww1/](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/memorials/ww1/):**

Rupert-Gascoyne-Cecil

Lieutenant Rupert Edward GASCOYNE-CECIL 4th Bedfordshire Regiment

Date of birth: 20 January 1895 Date of death: 11 July 1915 Killed in action aged 20

Buried at 1 A 2 Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, Belgium.

Rupert Edward was born in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, the fourth son of The Revd Lord William Rupert Ernest Gascoyne-Cecil, a son of 3rd Marquis of Salisbury, and his wife Lady Florence Mary Booth Wilbraham, a daughter of 1st Earl of Lathom. His father was Rector of Hatfield and, from 1916-36, the Bishop of Exeter.

Educated at Westminster, he was up at Christ Church 1913-1914. During that year he rowed in the Torpids and was a keen campanologist. His name appears on the list of The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers memorial.

He joined the Public School Corps on the outbreak of war in August 1914 and obtained his commission in the 4th Bedfordshire Regiment on the 15th August, serving in France and Belgium.

He was killed in action near Ypres, on 11 July 1915 during a bombardment following the blowing up of a very large mine between the trenches by the Germans. He was buried close to the Ypres-Cominis Line in the Brigade Headquarters cemetery at the Railway Dugouts Burial Ground.

His commanding officer wrote "Your son was only with us, unfortunately, for a very short time, but he had endeared himself to all who knew him by his cheerfulness and soldierly qualities." Captain Curtis also wrote "The Germans exploded a very large mine between two of our trenches about 7.15.p.m. and then shelled us, heavily. On hearing the explosion, your son immediately tried to get up to the fire trench of which he was in charge, but unfortunately he was struck on the head by a fragment of shell and was killed instantaneously. He was always beloved by all his fellow officers and above all by his men who had a great respect for him. We all feel the loss which the regiment has sustained by his death but we are proud he was doing his duty so nobly when he was killed. A good many men were stunned and confused by the explosion, but your son remained cool and met his death going to post."

Two of his three brothers were killed in action.

**Created:** Friday 14th October 2011

#### **Stained Glass Memorial at St Etheldreda's Church**

Christopher Whall designed the memorial window on the north wall of the nave near to the porch. The window is dedicated to the memory of three of the Cecil family and the inscription reads **"TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF RUPERT EDWARD GASCOYNE CECIL BORN JAN 20TH 1895 KILLED IN ACTION JULY 11 1915 AND OF RANDLE WILLIAM GASCOYNE CECIL BORN NOV 28TH 1889 KILLED IN ACTION DEC 1ST 1917 AND OF JOHN ARTHUR GASCOYNE CECIL BORN MARCH 28TH 1893 KILLED IN ACTION AUGUST 27TH 1918 I LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME"**.

The window consists of three lights. The window was presented in 1920 by James, Fourth Marquess of Salisbury, in memory of his three nephews. Their father was Lord William Cecil, then Bishop of Exeter who had previously been rector at Hatfield. The three angels in the work represent "Trial and Sacrifice" (crown of thorns), "Victory and triumph" (resurrection and torch) and "Christian Duty" (baptism of the infant). The red seraphim in the tracery above represent "Divine Love" and the blue seraphim represent "Divine Wisdom"

**Wikipedia & UK Inventory of War Memorials**



**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Lady Florence Cecil (Mother) received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Chandler, Charles.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Warlencourt British Cemetery**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	Chandler, C.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Sergeant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	30
<b>Date of Death:</b>	12/10/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	20585
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of James and Mary Ann Chandler of Long Marston Tring, Herts: Husband of Elizabeth Bond (formerly Chandler) of 49, Stone Cross Rd., Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II.J.24
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#"><b>WARLENCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY</b></a>

**Hatfield, In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Charles Chandler, Birth place: Tring, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 12 Oct 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Sergeant, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Number: 20285, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** Charles, age 5, is living with his parents and younger brother, in Long Marston, Tring. His Father is a farm labourer.

**1901 Census:** There is a Charles Chandler, age 15, (Born in Long Marston) living in Temple St, Aylesbury. He is a lodger. The head of the household is a Grocer and Charles was working as a butcher's apprentice.

**1911 Census:** Charles, age 25, now appears to be living in Ellenbrook, Hatfield, with wife Edith, daughter Edith (2yr) & son Charles (1yr). Charles is now working as a bricklayer's labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Sept 1908:** Marriages – Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> Charles Chandler and Edith Elizabeth Matthews.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1915:** 11<sup>th</sup> list of men Mobilised from Hatfield – Chandler Charles, Lance Corporal – Union Lane – Duke of Bedford's Own.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, March 1916:** Promotions – Charles Chandler – Corporal – Duke of Beds' Own Regt.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1916:** Promotions – Charles Chandler – Sergeant.

**Herts. Advertiser**, 9.12.1916: Sgt C Chandler - Hatfield Soldier falls in France.

*Mrs Chandler of Union Lane Hatfield has received information of the death in action in France of her husband, Sergt C Chandler, Beds Regiment on Oct. 11. Sergt Chandler volunteered for service in May of last year and after a period of training at Ampthill Park was sent out to France in July. The Duke of Bedford has written a much appreciated letter of sympathy to Mrs Chandler, who has also had a letter from her husband's platoon officer saying what a plucky fellow he was.*

*Sergt H Chandler, deceased's only brother is in the rifle brigade, and is out in the trenches. The two brothers met at home when deceased was there on his final leave.*

*Pte J E Matthews, Grenadier Guards, and Cpl T A Matthews, Beds Regiment, two brothers of Mrs Chandler, joined the army early in the war and the former laid down his life for his country. The latter is now serving in France (T A Matthews survived the war).*

*Mrs Chandler will be glad to hear further particulars about her husband's death from any of his fellow sergeants*

Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P1 11/18



Also In loving memory  
Charles Chandler killed in action 12<sup>th</sup>  
October 1916 aged 30 years

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Chandler (Widow) of Union Lane, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Church, John William.



Memorial in St Etheldreda's Church



Pozieres Memorial



Hertfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	CHURCH, J. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	30/03/1918
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 89 and 90
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">POZIERES MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

Album lists John William Church as Captain. Hat. War Memorial as Lieutenant

**Service Record:** UK. Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: John William Church. Death date: 30 Mar 1918, Rank: Lieutenant, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Battalion: Not shown, Casualty: Died of wounds.

**Officers who died Serving in the Herts. Regt:** Lieutenant John William CHURCH. Died of wounds 30th March 1918. Lieutenant Church has no known grave and is remembered on the Pozieres memorial to the missing.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional information, joined the Middx. Regt – Pte – No 380. Herts. Regt. (T.F.) Lt. Dec'd 30.3.1918.

### Further Research :

**1881 Census:** John, age 2, is living with parents and sister at 130 Harley St, Marylebone, London (Born in Marylebone). Father William Selby Church is a physician M.D. fellow of R.C.P. practising and farmer of 230 acres emp. 8 men and 3 boys. Mother's name is Sybil Constance and sister's name is Ursula.

**1891 Census:** John age 12 is living with parents and siblings at Woodside House, Hatfield. Father still a practising doctor of medicine.

**1901 Census:** A John William Church, age 22, is a visitor at Mimm Wood House, Hatfield. John is now working as a solicitor. Although the census states that this John was born in Hatfield not Marylebone, will assume that it is the same person.

**1911 census** – Aged 32, living at Woodside House with wife Brenda and daughters Margaret Sibyl (1yr) & Barbara Brenda (3 mths.) & servants. John is now working as a colonial civil servant (Gold Coast Colony) & Director of Education.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Oct 1914:** second list of men mobilised from Hatfield – Church, John, Lieut. – Woodside Place – Middx. Regt.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1918:** Roll of Honour – *This is perhaps the saddest issue of the magazine since the war broke out, because of the long list of losses which Hatfield has incurred.....*

*First among the fallen, must we mourn the loss of Lieut., John Church, who had he been spared promises well to have taken a leading position in the country and local affairs, which his father fills today. We quote an extract from a letter of the acting C.O. to show what estimate had been made of him by one who was singularly fitted to judge.*

*"And here is fitting place for me to chronicle the admiration, respect, and affection I feel for a man who showed himself by his gallant bearing and resource an officer and a gentleman of the highest quality and efficiency. To*

*have had such a comrade as Church during three or four of the most trying days of my war experience was indeed a stroke of good fortune.....I hope the day will come when I can take him by the hand and tell him face to face what I have written here.....Let me note of the conduct of the men. They were simply superb. Of those who did especially well, Christie, Church and Gripper, were the most distinguished. Church did wonders. From a letter written April 16<sup>th</sup> by a N.C.O. "You can be sure, Mrs Church that he died a painless death after a week or more of heroic effort, for his example and work were the talk of the survivors; ask who you will, Lieut. Church was a hero and that his end should come on the last of ten or eleven trying days makes the tragedy more acute to bear".*  
*Only one real regret for such a life is that he leaves no son to carry on his name.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Sir W.C. Church (Father) of Woodside, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

For more information about the Church Family and Woodside Place & Farm see "Hatfield and Its People Bk. 9 Farming Yesterday and Today", page 26-28. & Bk.11B, "Family and Trades", pages 74-76. The Church family appear to have owned Woodside farm from about 1770 to 1938 when Lord Salisbury bought the farm.

## Cochrane, David



Lemsford War Memorial



Arras Memorial



Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	COCKRANE, D. (note wrong spelling of surname)
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)
<b>Date of Death:</b>	05/07/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	G/23264
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Bay 7.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">Arras Memorial</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Lemsford War Memorial:** Yes (spelling Cochrane)

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: David Cockrane, Birth Place: Hand Side, Herts. Residence: Hallingbury, Herts., Death date: 5 Jul 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Epping, Herts., Rank: Private, Regiment Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Number G/23264, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments Formerly 11518, Buffs.

**Medal Card:** Awarded Victory Medal & British War Medal [www.force-war-records.co.uk](http://www.force-war-records.co.uk)

### Further Research

**1891 Census:** A David Cochrane, age 7, is living with his parents Robert and Marion and siblings at Cromer Hyde, Lemsford. His Father is an agricultural labourer.

**1901 Census:** David, age 17, is still living with his parents. He is now working as a general labourer.

**1911 Census:** David is now married to Maud (born in Stanborough) and they have a daughter Isabella age 1. The family are living in Ash Street, Hertford and David is now working as a farm labourer to a miller/farmer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1917:** Lemsford News, Roll of Honour. *News has been received by Mr and Mrs Cochrane of the death of their son Private D. Cochrane of the West Kent Regiment, killed in action on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Private Cochrane formerly lived at Stanborough. Much sympathy is felt for his parents and widow who is left with four little children. Mr and Mrs Cochrane's eldest son died in S. Africa so that is the second they have lost in the service of their country.*



David Cochrane with his wife Maud (nee Taylor) and one of their children



## Coe, John James.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	COE, J. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	31/07/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	265510
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 54 and 56
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b><u>YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL</u></b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record** – Brit. Army Service Records 1914-1920: John James Coe attested on 28/08/1814. He was 19yrs. 2mths and working as a wheelwright. In 17/11/1916 he was wounded. On 17/12/1916 appointed acting Lance Corporal became full Lance Corporal on 29/03/1917. Killed in action on 31/07/1917. At some point in his service he was given a new Regt. Number 2414/16. Personal effects were sent to Mrs S.E. Coe, 9 Ground Lane, Hatfield, on 03/01/1918. Mrs Coe also received his medals, the Clasp for 1914 Star on 23/3/1920 and Brit. War medal & Victory medal on 14/05/1921.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. Additional information - 1/Herts R. Pte. 2551. Bedf. & Herts. 265510

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** John James Coe, age 5, is living with his parents Harry and Sarah and siblings at 18 Beaconsfield Terrace, Hatfield. His father worked as a railway locomotive man.

**1911 Census:** Family are now living at 2 Ground Lane, Hatfield. John, age 16, is listed as working as a Golf Caddy. Father, Harry, is now working as a park sweeper for the Hatfield estate.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1914:** Third list of men mobilised from Hatfield – Coe, J – Ground Lane – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Territorials.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, February 1917:** Promotions – John Coe - Lance Corporal – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1917:** Roll of Honour – *This issue of the magazine is of necessity a sad one owing to the large number of casualties incurred in Hertfordshire in the glorious action at St Julien in which all the officers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. were killed or wounded and a heavy toll of life of men under them was taken. The story has been graphically told by Mr Beach Thomas in "The Daily Mail" and repeated in the "Herts Mercury" and "St Albans Times" of August 18<sup>th</sup> that it need not be repeated here.*

*We have however to mourn the loss of seven brave men: -*

*Conrad Austin – Northumberland Fusiliers, Arthur Pegram – Kings Irish Rifles, **John Coe – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts.**,*

*William Hipgrave – 5<sup>th</sup> Beds., Robert Putterill – R.A.M.C., Geoffrey Powell – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts.*

*Victor Webster – Machine Gun Corp.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1917:** Roll of Honour – *Mrs Coe has heard both from J. C. Frost and A.G. Webb concerning the death of her son, Lance Corporal John J. Coe, that he was killed instantaneously whilst advancing towards German trenches, a bullet piercing his heart and causing instantaneous death. "He was a great friend of all and liked throughout the Company" is a tribute of his friends worthy of a hero. It is told of him that he volunteered for a dangerous service on which he was killed in order to take the place of a man with a large family.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Coe (Mother) of Ground Lane, Hatfield received an In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Book.



## Cooper, Frederick Charles.



**Pte. Frederick Cooper**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Pozieres Memorial**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	COOPER, F. C.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	30/03/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	266623
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 89 and 90
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">POZIERES MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

CWGC date of death different from Memoriam Album 22/03/1918

**Service Record: Brit. Army Service Records 1914-1920:** Frederick Charles Cooper, age 22yrs 10 mths. Posted Pte. on 27/05/1915. He was living at "The Woodman", Hatfield Hyde with his parents. Frederick was 5ft 9ins tall and considered fit for service with normal vision. On 13/03/1916 Frederick embarked from Southampton and disembarked at Rouen on 14/03/16, joining his battalion on 27/03/1916. He was granted leave to England from 18/08/1917 – 28/08/1917. Allotted new Reg. No. 28/8/191 - A.C.I. 2414/16. Granted leave again to England via Boulogne from 17/02/1918 – 03/03/1918. Killed in action between 21/03/1918 & 30/03/1918.

**Medal Card:** Victory medal & British War Medal [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Frederick Charles, age 8, a scholar, is living with his parents and siblings at "The Woodman", Hatfield Hyde. His Father, George, was the publican. His Mother's name was Elizabeth Ann.

**1911 census:** Frederick, age 18, is still living at "The Woodman" and working as an apprentice carpenter. His father is now a widower.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *We have a heavy toll of losses to report. Frederick Charles Cooper, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. was killed two months ago.....*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr Cooper (Father) of the Woodman P.H., Hatfield Hyde received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Brother of George Ernest Cooper



Hatfield Hyde War Memorial  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))

## Cooper, George Ernest.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**Tyne Cot Memorial**



**Middlesex Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	COOPER, G. E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Middlesex Regiment 23 <sup>rd</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	29/09/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	TF/203830
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 113 to 115
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">TYNE COT MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield and Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record: Brit. Army WW1 service records 1914-1920:** George Ernest Cooper was age 37yrs 7mth when he enlisted on 16/10/1916. According to his papers he had previously been rejected for service. He was employed as an indoor servant. His Father was George Cooper of "The Woodman" Hatfield Hyde. George Ernest was at home from 16/10/1916 to 18/09/1917. He embarked at Folkstone for France 19/09/1917 and arrive at Boulogne the same day. He was posted to 23<sup>rd</sup> Middlesex Regt. on 27/09/1917 and joined his battalion on 28/09/1917. On 15/11/1917 he left France for Italy arriving there 22/11/1917, left Italy on 03/03/1918 arriving back in France 08/03/1918. On 15/05/1918 he was appointed unpaid Lance Corporal. George was wounded in action 06/08/1918 and killed in action 29/09/1918.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal & British War Medal

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** George Ernest Cooper, age 9, is living with Father, George and Mother, Elizabeth Anne and siblings at Hatfield Hyde. Father, George, is a publican (The Woodman).

**1901 Census:** Unable to find George

**1911 Census:** George Ernest Cooper is now 29. He is a footman, one of 17 servants working for Lord and Lady Mountstephen of 17 Carlton House Terrace, London.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *The Hyde whose percentage of losses is unusually high has lost Lance Corporal George Cooper, Middlesex Regiment and much sympathy goes out to Mr Cooper of "The Woodman", in the loss of his last son – truly we owe much to one who has given so much.*

Brother of Frederick Charles Cooper

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr Cooper (Father) of the Woodman P.H. Hatfield Hyde received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album.

## Cooper, William John.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	COOPER, W.J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 8 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	19/04/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	17177
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Arthur and Anne Sarah Cooper, of Flint Lodge, Hatfield Hyde Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 31 and 33
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">YPRES(MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:**

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: William John Cooper, Birth place: Hatfield Hyde, Residence: Hatfield Hyde, Death date: 19 Apr 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: St Albans, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 8th Battalion, Number 17177, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional information died of wounds.

### Further Research

**1901 Census:** William, age 7, is living with his parents and siblings at Hatfield Hyde. Parent's names are Arthur and Anne. Arthur is working as horse minder on a farm.

**1911 Census:** William now age 17, is still living at Hatfield Hyde with his family, he is now working as a mill hand at a flour mill (could be at Mill Green)

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – Cooper, William John – Hatfield Hyde – 8<sup>th</sup> Beds Regt.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – Missing – William J. Cooper. William Cooper – The parents of Private Cooper of Flint Cottage, Hatfield Hyde, received last month the grievous news that he was "missing" a word that chills the stoutest of hearts, for, alas, it so seldom means that there is hope. In this case, we fear no brighter news has followed and his family face the sad probability that he is killed; one more brave young life bravely offered, one more sacrifice for his King and Country. All must feel deeply for his parents particularly those who have passed through a like affliction. That Private Cooper was a good soldier, doing all he could was proved by his Sergeant's words when writing to communicate the sad news; he said –

25/4/14

B. Co., 8th Beds Regt., B.E.F., France

"Dear Madam – I am sincerely sorry to have to inform you that your brother, Pte. W.J. Cooper, is missing believed to be killed. He was in the trenches when they were bombarded by the Germans on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and has

*not been seen since. It is with deep regret that I have to write this as he was a good soldier and a man that could be relied on. What small consolation I can offer you I honestly do; perhaps you feel proud of him when I tell you he stuck to his post until the last. So again sympathizing with you in your loss, I remain yours sincerely, Sgt. A Hancock, Machine Gun Section."*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Cooper (Mother) of Flint Cottages, Hatfield Hyde received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Currell, George Alfred.



**George Alfred Currell**  
(Herts. Advertiser)



**France (1914-1918) Memorial**



**Sherwood Foresters  
Notts. & Derby Regt.**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	CURRELL, G. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derby Regiment) 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	04/11/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	260175
<b>Memorial:</b>	France (1914-1918) Memorial. <b>N.B.</b> This casualty has recently been accepted for commemoration by the commission. However, it will not be possible to add his name to this Memorial immediately. Please contact the Commission before planning a visit, for more information.

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** None found

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal, British War Medal. Additional information – Herts R. No. 233I, Notts & Derby R. No. 260175.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** A George Currell, age 5, is living with parents and siblings at no 14, St Peters Cottages, Newtown, Hatfield. His Father, George, was a domestic gardener.

**1911 Census:** George, age 15, is now working as a general labourer. He is still living with his parents and siblings, but at Green Lanes. His Father is now working as a roadman, working for the County Council.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – Currell, George – Green Lanes – Territorials.

### Herts.Advertiser, 14.7.1917:

*Pte George Currell, of the Herts. Regt., who before the war was engaged as a woodman on the Hatfield House Estate, he was in the Territorials at the time of mobilisation. He has been in France for 17 months without leave.*

Brother of John T Currell

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Currell (Mother) of Green Lanes, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Currell, John T. M.M



**John Thomas Currell**  
(Herts. Advertiser)



**Thiepval Memorial**



**West Yorkshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	CURRELL, J. T.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)
<b>Age:</b>	21
<b>Date of Death:</b>	25/09/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	9783
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of George and Mary Jane Currell of Green Lanes, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 2A 2C and 2D
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: John Thomas Currell, Birth place, Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 25 Sep 1916, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: Mill Hill, Regiment: Prince of Wales's Own ( West Yorkshire Regiment), Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Number: 9783, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional Information – Has the letters M.M. by his surname. (See below). Killed in Action.

According to the Memorial Book John T Currell was awarded the Military Medal

### **Military Medal (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)**

The Military Medal (**MM**) was (until 1993) a military decoration awarded to personnel of the British Army and other services, and formerly also to personnel of other Commonwealth countries, below commissioned rank, for bravery in battle on land.

The medal was established on 25 March 1916. It was the other ranks' equivalent to the Military Cross (MC), which was awarded to commissioned officers and rarely to Warrant Officers, although WOs could also be awarded the MM. The MM ranked below the MC and the Distinguished Conduct Medal, which was also awarded to non-commissioned members of the Army, in order of precedence. Recipients of the Military Medal are entitled to use the post-nominal letters "MM". In 1993, the Military Medal was discontinued, and since then the Military Cross has been awarded to personnel of all ranks.



Military Medal



**Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** John, age 7, was living with his parents and siblings at 14 St Peters Cottages, Newtown , Hatfield. Father, George, was a domestic gardener.

**1911 Census:** John, age 17, working as a general labourer (out of work). He is still living with his parents and siblings, now at Green Lanes. His father is now a roadman working for the County Council.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Currell, John – Green Lanes – 1<sup>st</sup> West Yorks.*

**Herts. Advertiser, 14.7.1917:**

*The late Pte. Thomas Currell, DCM. West Yorkshire Regt, who having won the D C M, was killed in action on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> last year. He was headquarters signaller in his battalion. Before joining up he was employed by Mr Tucker of Bell Bar.*

Brother of George Alfred Currell

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs G. Currell (Mother) of Green Lanes, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Davies or Davis William George.



**William G Davis**  
([www.veterans.gc.ca](http://www.veterans.gc.ca))



**Adanac Cemetery Miramont**



**Canadian 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion V.R.C**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	DAVIS, W. G.
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Canadian Infantry 24 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	17/09/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	124455
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II.B.23
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>ADANAC CEMETERY MIRAMONT</b>

**Hatfield, In Memoriam Album:** Yes  
(spelling Davies)

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes  
(spelling Davis)

**Service Record:** (Canadian Veterans Affairs) Service No: 124455, Age: 22, Force: Army, Unit: Canadian Infantry (Quebec Regt.), Division: 24<sup>th</sup> Bn., Date of Birth: Nov 24 1893, Adanac Military Cemetery, Somme France.

### Medal Card:

#### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** A William George Davis, age 8, is living with his parents and siblings at 10 Primrose Cottages, Hatfield. His Father, George, is working as a domestic groom. His Mother's name is Harriet.

**1911 Census:** William George is still living with his family at 10 Primrose cottages; he is now working as a domestic gardener. His Father is still working as a groom (estate worker).

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – Killed - William Davis, 24<sup>th</sup> Batt. V.R.C. (Victoria Rifles of Canada?).

William Davis, - "France, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1916. I deeply regret to have to tell you the sad news of the death of your son, W. J. Davis, of this Battalion, who was killed in action on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. He met the death of a brave man and a soldier, while in the performance of his duty in the front line. Thank God he was spared all pain and suffering, as the end was instantaneous. I regret that we cannot tell the exact spot where he is buried on the battlefield; but, owing to the confusion of the shelling, it is impossible to mark the graves of our lads. We can only leave his soul in the hands of God, knowing that he rests within the Saviour's loving care. May I extend to you the Battalion's deep sympathy. He was a splendid chap, and well liked by all; and esteemed as a good comrade and brave soldier. I pray God will comfort you in these sad days.

Yours Faithfully, C. Stuart, Capt. - Chaplain 24th Bat V.R.C.

**Herts. Advertiser, 7.10.1916:** Private W G Davis

Canadian Soldier's Death - Hatfield parents receive bad news

Mr & Mrs Davis of 10 Primrose Cottages, Hatfield have been informed of the death of their second son Private William G Davis of the Canadian Regt. who was killed in action during an engagement on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Pte W Davis who was in his 24<sup>th</sup> year "signed up" in Canada in October last in the Mounted Rifles afterwards being sent to England in May 1916 and was stationed in Shorncliffe (?). Having been transferred to 70<sup>th</sup> Bat. Infantry Reg. After a stay there of 6 weeks he was drafted to France. Last Wednesday the following letter was received by his parents*

*"France, September 23. Dear Madam I deeply regret to have to tell you the sad news of the death of your son Pte William G Davis of this battalion who was killed in action on September 17<sup>th</sup>. He met the death of a great man and a soldier whilst in the performance of his duty in the ..... Of Almighty God he was spared all pain and suffering and the end was instantaneous. I regret that we cannot tell the exact spot where he is buried in the battlefield owing to the confusion of shelling it was impossible to mark the graves of our lads. We can only leave his soul in the hands of God knowing that he rests in the Saviour's loving care. May I extend to you the battalion's deep sympathy. He was a splendid chap, well-liked by all, esteemed as a good comrade and a good soldier. I pray God will comfort you in these sad days.  
Yours faithfully, C Stuart, Captain and Chaplain"*

Brother to Harry Davis

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Davis (Mother) of 10 Primrose Cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



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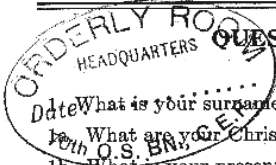
# ATTESTATION PAPER.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

No. *a*

Folio. *124455*

*124455*



## QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your surname? *Davis*
2. What are your Christian names? *William George*
3. What is your present address? *Heseler Ont.*
4. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Hatfield Herts. Eng*
5. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Mrs. F. I. Garratt Davis*
6. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Hatfield Herts. Eng*
7. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Brother*
8. What is the date of your birth? *Nov. 24. 1893*
9. What is your Trade or Calling? *Labourer*
10. Are you married? *No*
11. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? *Yes*
12. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *No*
13. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *No*
14. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
15. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force? *Yes*

## DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *William G. Davis*, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the **Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force**, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date. *Oct 11<sup>th</sup>* 191*5* *Wm Geo Davis* (Signature of Recruit)  
*W H Garratt* (Signature of Witness)

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *William G. Davis*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty **King George the Fifth**, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date. *Oct 11<sup>th</sup>* 191*5* *Wm Geo Davis* (Signature of Recruit)  
*W H Garratt* (Signature of Witness)

## CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Galt* this *11<sup>th</sup>* day of *October* 191*5*.

*Philip Blake* (Signature of Justice)

## Description of William George Davis on Enlistment

Apparent Age 24 years 11 months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height 5 ft. 2 1/2 ins.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 35 1/2 ins.  
Range of expansion 2 ins.

Complexion Fair

Eyes Grey

Hair Brown

Religious denominations

Church of England ☒

Presbyterian ☐

Methodist ☐

Baptist or Congregationalist ☐

Roman Catholic ☐

Jewish ☐

Other Denominations ☐  
(Denomination to be stated)

Nil

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him Fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date October 11<sup>th</sup> 1918

Place Galt, Ont.

\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

Medical Officer.

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

### CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

W. S. Davis having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

Major (Signature of Officer)

Date Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1918  
for C. Com 270<sup>th</sup> Overseas Bn. C.E.F.

## Davis, Harry.



Hatfield War Memorial



Bishops Hatfield  
(St. Luke's) Churchyard



Machine Gun Corp

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	DAVIS, H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Company Quartermaster Sergeant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Machine gun Corps (Infantry)
<b>Date of Death:</b>	20/01/1920
<b>Service No:</b>	29629
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	2. I.16
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>BISHOPS HATFIELD (St LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</b>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

Harry Davis was mentioned in the **Hatfield Roll of Honour**. He survived the War but died in 1920.

Service Record: None Found

Medal Card: Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal, and British War Medal.

Additional information – E. Surr. R – Cpl. Regtl. No. 8918. M.G.C. – C.Q.M.S. Regtl. No. 29629

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Harry Davis, age 11, is living with his parents and siblings at No. 10 Primrose Cottages, Hatfield. His Father, George, is working as a groom (domestic). His Mother's name is Harriet.

**1911 Census:** Harry, age 22, is now in the Military, serving as a Private in the East Surrey Regiment. They are on detachment, Burma and Andaman Islands.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Davies, Harry – Primrose Cottages – East Surreys Indian Army.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, February 1920:** Roll of Honour – *Company Quarter Master Sergeant Davis, M. C. Corp who died in hospital at Shorncliffe on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The immediate cause of death was consumption but this was brought on by gas from which he suffered acutely on two occasions. Wide sympathy goes out to his wife and family on their bereavement.*

Brother to William Davis

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Harry Davis of 11, Primrose Cottages received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album"

CWGC St Luke's Churchyard  
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29629 C.OMR. Serjt. H.Davis  
Machine Gun Corps. (Inf)  
20<sup>th</sup> January 1920



## Day, James.



**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. Memorial**  
**St Mary's Church**



**Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	DAY, J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	31/07/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	266028
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mrs Sarah Day of Tyler's Causeway, Hertford.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 54 and 56
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#"><b>YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL</b></a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: James Day, Birth Place: Much Hadham, Herts. Residence: Watton-at-stow, Herts., Death Date: 31 Jul 1917 Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment Location: Hertford Rank: Private Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment Number: 266028, Type of Casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal & British War Medal. Additional information: Herts. R. Regt No. 3519, Bedf. R. Regt. No. 26602.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** A James Day, age 9, born in Hadham, is living with parents and siblings at Gt. Gobions Cottages, in the village of Stapleford in the rural district of Hertford. His Father, James, is working as a horse keeper on farm. Mother's name is Sarah.

**1911 Census:** James, age 18, is still living in Stapleford with his family. He is now working as a cowman.

Discrepancies in age between the Census and the CWGC.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Sarah Day (Mother) of Tylers Causeway, Newgate Street, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album."

## Dodds, Thomas George.



Hatfield War Memorial



Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras



Army Service Corp

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	DODDS, T. G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Army Service Corps.402 <sup>nd</sup> M.T. Coy. attd. 184 <sup>th</sup> siege Bty Royal Garrison Artillery
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Date of Death:</b>	30/08/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	M2/045520
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mr & Mrs T. David Dobbs, of 5, Chapman's Terrace, Park St., Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VII. E. 25
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">FAUBOURG D'AMIENS CEMETERY, ARRAS</a>

Hatfield. In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Thomas George Dodds, Birthplace: Walkern, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 30 Aug 1918, Death Location: France & Flanders, Rank: Private, Regiment: Royal Army Service Corp, Number: M2/045520, Type of Casualty: Killed in Action, Theatre of War: Western Front.

**National Roll of the Great War 1914-1918, Section V., Luton:** Dodds, T. G. Pte R.A.S.C. (M.T.) – Volunteering in June 1915 he was sent to the Western Front where he served on important motor transport duties in various sectors. On August 29<sup>th</sup> 1918 he was killed by a shell whilst driving his motor near Arras and was buried in Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery. He was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, General Service and Victory Medals 5, Chapman's Terrace, Hatfield.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Thomas George Dobbs, age 9, is living with parents and siblings in Park Street, Hatfield. His Father, Thomas works as a coach smith. His Mother's name is Mary A.

**1911 Census:** Thomas is still living with family in Park Street, Hatfield. He is now working as a motor and cycle salesman at motor works. His Father is still a coach smith.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, February 1915:** Sixth List of Men Serving from Hatfield – *Dodds, George – Chapman's Terrace, A.S.C.* (believe this to be Thomas George Dobbs).

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour - .....*We have further to announce the death of Private T.G. Dodds who was killed by an enemy shell on the morning of August 30<sup>th</sup>. He was struck on the head by a splinter about 6.45a.m. and died half an hour later without regaining consciousness. His commanding officer writes as follows: - "Everyone, N.C.O.s, men and my fellow officers join with me in tendering you the expression of our deepest sympathy and we greatly mourn the loss of one who was always a cheerful comrade and a willing helper, when work was to be done. He is buried in the Military Cemetery, Faubourg d' Amiens – Arras and the funeral was read by the Rev. Canon Ely Scott".....*

*Our sympathy goes out to his parents and fiancée for the loss of a good and true man.*

**Herts. Advertiser, 14.9.1918:**

*Private Thomas George Dodds ASC.MT, elder son of Mr and Mrs T G Dodds of Park Street, Hatfield, was killed in France on the morning of August 30<sup>th</sup> by a splinter from an enemy shell which struck him on the head. He died almost immediately without regaining consciousness. From a letter received from a comrade who was in the lorry at the time, it seems they were returning from the front line after delivering supplies when he met his death.*

*His comrade states: - "It came upon us as a severe shock and to myself doubly so. We have been together through varying changes of fortune during the last year and I have ever found him a cheerful mate and loyal pal." Private Dodds was 27 years of age, joined the army in January 1915 and has been in France since June of the same year. He was expected to be in England very shortly when he was to have been married. Much sympathy is felt for his parents, who are well-known and respected in Hatfield, and for his fiancée.*

**England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1861-1941:**

*1920 - Dodds, Thomas George of 5 Chapman's Terrace, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, Private, .M. Army died 30 Aug 1918 in France. Administration (with will) London 25 June to Thomas David Dodds. Effects £152.9s.2d.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Dodds (Mother) of Chapman's Yard received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Dollemore, Alfred James Abel.



Hatfield War Memorial



Thiepval Memorial



Royal West Kent Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	DOLLEMORE, A. J. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	30/09/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	G/2237
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 11 C.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920:** Alfred James Abel Dollemore was 20yrs 5mths old when he enlisted at Maidstone on 10/9/1914. His trade was a warehouseman. Arthur was 5ft 6ins tall, weighed 131lbs, had brown eyes & black hair, He had good physical development. Father was Alfred Dollemore, Mother Clara and sister Avis. All personal property and medals were to be despatched to Mr. Alfred Dollemore, 35 Jasmine Grove, Anerly, S.E. Arthur was home, ? /9/1914 – 25/7/1915, B.E.F. 26/7/1915 – 30/09/1916.

Among the service papers was a letter from an old friend.

50, Minerva St.  
Hackney Rd  
6.?.17

Gentlemen,

Will you kindly let me know any news concerning  
Private A. J. A. Dollemore No. G. 2237 with battalion R.W.  
Kent Reg. I have written to him and have had no answer  
each time. Your attention to it will oblige an old friend of  
his.

From, G.P. Mc?

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional information K.I.A. 30.9.16

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Alfred James Abel Dollemore, age 6, is living with his parents at 105, Stanstead Road, Lewisham. His Father, Alfred (**born in Hatfield**), worked as a news advertising inspector. Alfred's Mother's name was Clara

**1911 Census:** Alfred, age 16, is living with parents and sister, but now at 35 Jasmine Grove, Anerly, S.E. Penge Surrey. Alfred is working as a warehouseman. Father is still an advertising inspector.

## Drummond, Malcolm.



Hatfield War Memorial



Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension



London Scottish Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	DRUMMOND, M.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	London Regiment (London Scottish)
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	10/08/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	4495
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Grace Drummond, of St Mary's Lodge, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, and the late Duncan Drummond. Native of Auchterarder, Perthshire
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I.D.59
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

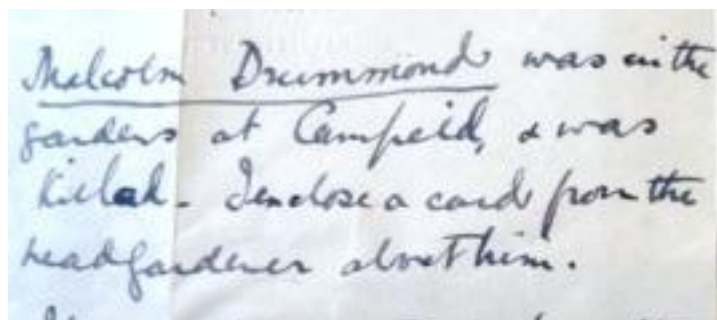
Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Malcolm Drummond, Residence: **Hatfield**, Herts., Date of death: 10 Aug 1916, Death location: Flanders & France, Enlistment location: London, Rank: Private, Regiment: London, Battalion: 14<sup>th</sup> (County of London) Battalion (London Scottish), Number: 4495, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of war: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Scottish Census:** Malcolm Drummond, age 7, was living at Westfield House, Auchterarder, Perthshire, (where he was born) with his parents and siblings. Father Duncan was a Farmer. His Mother's name was Gracie.



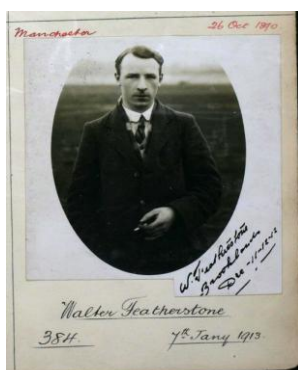
Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies.

### **Malcolm Drummond**

Was in the gardens at Camfield, and was killed. I enclose a card from the head gardener about him.  
(No card found)



## Featherstone, Walter.



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**Beaconsfield Cemetery**  
**Buckinghamshire**



**Royal Flying Corp**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	FEATHERSTONE, W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Second Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Flying Corps and General List
<b>Date of Death:</b>	03/10/1917
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	807
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>BEACONSFIELD CEMETERY BUCKINGHAMSHIRE</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Hatfield War Memorial:** No

### Service Record:

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

Additional information – General list R.F.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Died 3-10-17, Killed – aero acc.

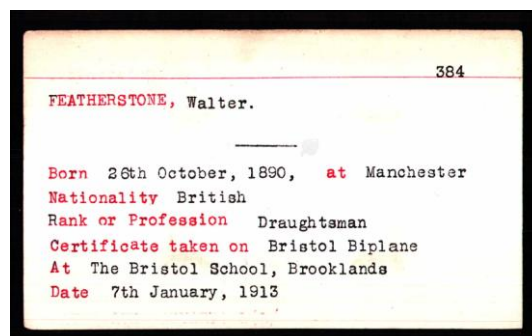
### Further Research:

[www.hatfield-herts.co.uk](http://www.hatfield-herts.co.uk) Details of casualty published in The Times 05.10.1917, p. 27. Article lists age as 27, and residence as **North Lodge, Hatfield**. Also reports he was terribly burned and died at Eaton Sq. RFC Hosp.

**Wikipedia:** List of pilots awarded aviators certificates by the Royal Aero Club in 1913 – No 384 Walter Featherstone 7 January 1913. Bristol Monoplane at the Bristol School Salisbury Plain.

[www.canadaatwar.ca/memorial/world-war-i](http://www.canadaatwar.ca/memorial/world-war-i) Walter Featherstone Royal Flying Corp. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Oct. 3 1917.

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca) See attestation papers on next page.



Royal Aero Club Certificate.



**Bristol Mono Plane**



R. 144.

UNIT

Regimental No. 551937

## ATTESTATION PAPER.

## CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

## QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your name? Featherstone, Walter
- 1b. present address. 115 Richmond Apts, Young St Winnipeg
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Manchester England
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Florence Ethel Featherstone wife
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? 115 Richmond Apts, Young St Winnipeg
5. What is the date of your birth? October 26<sup>th</sup> 1896
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Aviator
7. Are you married? Yes
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? 3 years 70<sup>th</sup> Batt. 134 Bde (Imp)  
If so, state particulars of former Service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the }  
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? } Yes

(Signature of Man).

(Signature of Witness).

## DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Walter Featherstone, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1916(Sgd) Walter Featherstone (Signature of Recruit).Sgt Thom S. Cook (Signature of Witness).

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Walter Featherstone, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1916(Sgd) Walter Featherstone (Signature of Recruit).Sgt Thom S. Cook (Signature of Witness).

## CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at

Winnipeg Man this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1916

Sgt A. Howard (Signature of Justice).

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

Certified true copy.

(Approving Officer).

V. & S., Ltd. 504, 18-12-15. 48297.

for sent to i/o Records, C.M.F.

Description of Walter Featherstone on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 25 years 4 months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height 5 ft. 7 ins.

Girth when fully expanded 36 1/2 ins.  
Range of expansion 3 1/2 ins.

Complexion fair

Eyes blue-gray

Hair red

Religious denominations,  
Church of England yes  
Presbyterian  
Wesleyan  
Baptist or Congregationalist  
Other Protestants  
(Denomination to be stated.)  
Roman Catholic  
Jewish

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

#### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date February 27<sup>th</sup> 1916

Place Winnipeg Manitoba

(Insert here "fit" or "unfit.")

Sgt. W. C. Guest  
Capt. C. M. M. B.  
Medical Officer.

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

#### CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Walter Featherstone having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

Date Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> 1916

Sgt. H. B. Yawdall (Signature of Officer.)  
16 Service Squadron 84<sup>th</sup> Fort Gary  
Norise

## Fox, William Henry.



Hatfield War Memorial



Jerusalem Memorial



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	FOX, W. H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	18/09/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	5814
<b>Additional information:</b>	Husband of Gertrude Williams (formerly Fox), of 4, Thornton St., Hertford.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 17
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">JERUSALEM MEMORIAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** William Henry Fox, Birth Place: Hatfield Herts., Residence: Hertford, Death Date: 18 Sep 1916, Death location: Egypt, Enlistment Location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire, Regiment Battalion: 5<sup>th</sup>, No.: 5814, Type of Casualty: Killed in Action, Theatre of War: Egyptian Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal, and British War Medal. Additional information – 1 Beds Regt. Pte. No. 4/6691 & 3/5 Beds Regt. Pte. No. 5814.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** William Henry Fox, age 6, was living at Hatfield Hyde, Hatfield, with his parents and siblings. His Father, William H A Fox, was working as a sandpit labourer. His Mother's name was Hannah.

**1911 Census:** William is still living with his family at Hatfield Hyde. His Father is working as a labourer. William's occupation is not listed.

**All England & Wales, FreeBMD Marriage Index: 1837-1915:** A William H. Fox and a Gertrude E. Brown are listed as being married in Hertford during the Oct/Nov/Dec. 1913 quarter.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour—Killed – *William Fox, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beds.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Fox (Widow) of 5 Puttocks Oak Cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Franks, Gordon A.



**St John's Churchyard Lemsford**

### **CWGC Entry**

<b>Name:</b>	FRANKS, G. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Leading Seaman
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Navy
<b>Unit Text:</b>	H.M.S. Pembroke
<b>Date of Death:</b>	02/10/1920
<b>Service No:</b>	J/30293
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial reference:</b>	In South part.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#">LEMSFORD (ST. JOHN) CHURCHYARD</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No.

**Hatfield War Memorial:** No

### **Service Record:**

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Gordon, age 2, is living with his family in Pangbourn, St James. Gordon's Father, is William Albert Franks, his Mother's name is Lizzie. William is a manager of a coffee shop.

**1911 Census:** The family have now moved and are living in Park Lane, Henlow, Bedfordshire. Father, William is running a Laundry.

The gravestone shows he served on the Russian relief convoy of 1919. His death certificate tells us he was working at Bocket Hall when he was taken ill with tuberculosis and later died at the Ware Tuberculosis Hospital of cardiac failure on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1920.

## Freeman, Herbert Edward.



Lemsford War Memorial



Thiepval Memorial



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	FREEMAN, H. E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Unit Text:</b>	7th Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	01/07/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	16466
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead (Killed in Action)
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 2 C.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield & Lemsford War Memorials: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Herbert Edward Freeman, Birth place: Newton, Oxon. Residence: Stanborough, Herts., Death date: 1 Jul 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: St Albans, Herts., Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 7th Battalion, Number 16466, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Herbert, age 4, he was born around 1897 in Newton Oxon. His Father's name is Alfred and Mother's name is Ada. The family are living at Manor Farm, Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire, where his Father is employed as a horse keeper.

**1911 Census:** The family are living and working at Stanborough Farm, Herbert, age 14, is working on the farm.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1916:** Lemsford News - *Our Symphony with Mrs Freeman of Stanborough in the loss of her son Herbert, who was in the Bedfordshire Regt. and was killed on July 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine September 1916:** *By kindness of Mrs. Freeman, we are enabled to print the following letter from Private Freeman's captain. He speaks with feeling and knowledge of Private Freeman, and his testimony must be consoling to his stricken parents. We offer our deepest sympathy to them in their heavy trouble, in the loss of so gallant a son.*

**Lemsford News, War Notes.** .....of those whose homes are actually in this parish,.....though Herbert Freeman, whose home is only just outside the parish, and who as a boy attended our school, has also given his life.

B.E.F., France, 24-7-16,

*"Dear Mrs. Freeman. I have received your letter of the 20th inst., and regret I can only confirm the news of your son's death, as reported by the War Office. He was killed by a bullet in the attack on the German trenches on the 1st July, death being instantaneous. He was buried with a number of his comrades on the battlefield, about half a mile north west of Carnoy, which is a little village about four miles east of Albert, his name being written on the cross over the grave. All his private possessions have*

*been forwarded to the base, and should reach you in due course. Your son, Private Freeman, was one of the most useful members of my Company, and has on several occasions done most excellent patrol work during the winter. It may be some consolation to you to know that he died most gloriously in the foremost of the attack, which commenced on the 1st, and which our Battalion had the honour to lead. Please accept the sincerest sympathy of the Officers of his Company, and myself in your sad loss.*  
*Yours truly, A. E. PERCIVAL, Captain."*

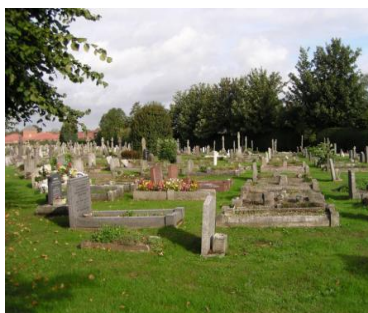
**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Freeman (Mother) of Stanborough received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Frost, James.



Hatfield War Memorial



Bishop's Hatfield (St Luke's) Churchyard



Royal Army Service Corps

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	FROST, J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Driver
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Army Service Corps
<b>Date of Death:</b>	18/05/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	T4/211873
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	West 17. 78.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#"><b>BISHOPS HATFIELD (ST. LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</b></a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** British Army WW1 Service Records 1914-1920: James signed up 26/10/1915 for the duration of the war; he was of good physical development and deemed fit for service. He was living at Arm and Sword Yard, Hatfield. He served in Salonica as a driver, and it was noted that he was good with horses. James returned home, 23/01/1917, suffering from tuberculosis. He died at the Royal Victoria Hospital Netley, near Southampton.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

**Further Research:** James was born around 1886. Father, James, Mother, Ellen.

**1901 Census:** The family are living in Halls Yard, Hatfield (Father died in 1899). James is working as a groom. His Mother is working as a kitchen woman.

**1911 Census:** James, age 25, is living with his Mother, stepfather Frank Thomas and brother in Chapel House Park Street, Hatfield. James is still a groom at livery stables. His Mother Ellen is caretaker of the Park Street Chapel.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Dec. 1915:** 16<sup>th</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield, *James Frost – Arm & Sword Yard – A.S.C.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, June 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour, *Died in Hospital – James Frost – A.S.C.*

**Herts. Advertiser, 1.6.18:** .....Mrs Thomas' eldest son, James (Frost) died last November in Netley Hospital from illness contracted with the Forces in Salonica.....

CWGC St Luke's Churchyard  
WP 18/5



T4/211873 Driver J. Frost  
Army Service Corps  
18<sup>th</sup> May 1917

Brother to John Charles Frost

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Frank Thomas (Mother) of Park Street, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Frost, John Charles.



Hatfield War Memorial



St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen



Hertfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	FROST, J. C.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Unit Text:</b>	1st/1st Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	17/04/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	265556
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	P. IX. R. 9B.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#">ST. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN</a>

Hatfield, In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers died in the Great War, 1914-1919: John Charles Frost, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hertford, Death date: 17 Apr 1918, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 265556, Type of casualty: Died of wounds.

**Medal Card:** Awarded Victory Medal and British War Medal

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** John, age 6, is living in Halls Yard, Hatfield with his widowed Mother, Ellen and siblings. Ellen is working as a kitchen woman.

**1911 Census:** John, age 16, is now living with his Mother, Stepfather, Frank Thomas and brother in Chapel House, Park Street. John is working as a green grocer. His Mother is caretaker of the Park Street Chapel.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, John Charles Frost – Arm and Sword Yard – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Territorials.

### Herts. Advertiser, 1.6.18:

*Pte J C Frost, Herts. Regt youngest son of Mrs F Thomas of Park Street, Hatfield has succumbed to his wounds – fractured jaw and gun-shot wound in neck – received on March 28<sup>th</sup>, and was buried in France. He enlisted at the outbreak of war and was wounded in the arm in 1914. Mrs Thomas' eldest son, James (Frost) died last November in Netley Hospital from illness contracted with the Forces in Salonica, while her only surviving son is serving with the Army in Egypt*

Brother to James Frost.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Frank Thomas (Mother) of Park Street, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Garland, Charles Henry.



**Newtown & Roe Green  
Memorial  
St Luke's Church**



**Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery**



**Army Service Corps**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GARLAND, C. H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Army Service Corps
<b>Unit Text:</b>	Technical Transport, 6th Ammunition Sub Park
<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Date of Death:</b>	28/09/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	MS/4243
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Dinah Garland, of 5, George St., Rowbarton, Taunton.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	XXV. D. 19.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#">LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** British Army WW1 Service Records 1914-1919: Charles enlisted in London but gave his home address as Stoke Gregory, Taunton. His occupation is given as a motor lorry driver. Charles was 22, he had grey eyes, brown hair and a fresh complexion and was deemed fit for army service. His next of kin are listed as his Mother, Dinah, who lived in Taunton and his brother George who is living in **Park Street Hatfield**. Charles died of gunshot wounds received in action at No 3. Canadian Casualty Clearing Station. Memorial scroll and the Kings letter went to his mother.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Charles, age 8, is living with his widowed Mother, Dinah and siblings in Stoke Gregory, near Taunton, Somerset. Dinah is working as a willow stripper.

**1911 Census:** A Charles Garland, age 18 and born in Taunton, Somerset, is living at 5, Salisbury Square, Hatfield. He is a boarder in the household of William Pales, a retired platelayer. Charles is an apprentice at a motor works.

**Bishops Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1914:** Third List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield- *Garland, C. H. – Broomfield Cottages – Army Service Corps 7<sup>th</sup> Div. Am. P.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Dinah Garland (Mother) of 9 George St. Cheddon Rd. Taunton received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

See letter on next page



HATFIELD,

Herts.

13th December, 1920.

*Mrs*  
Dear Sir,

Peace Celebration - Souvenir Album.  
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The Committee are now completing the distribution  
of Albums to ex-service men etc.

Will you please say if *the late Mr. C. H. Garland's*  
should be posted to the address I have

*5 George Street,  
Cheddons Road  
Milton.*

Yours faithfully,

*A. Whitby  
J. Hon. Sec*

*Mr. Garland,  
as above.*

*The above address  
is correct as  
The Late Mr. C. H. Garland*

## Gentle, Lawrence James.



**Lawrence J Gentle**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Delsaux Farm Cemetery**



**Royal Engineers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GENTLE, L. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Sapper
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Engineers, 234 <sup>th</sup> Light Railway Coy.
<b>Age:</b>	20
<b>Date of Death:</b>	12/11/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	WR/179700
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of William Peter and Emily Gentle, of North Rd., Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	III. A. 18.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>DELSAUX FARM CEMETERY, BEUGNY</b>

**Hatfield In memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** Not Found

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal, British War Medal. From his medal card, Lawrence served in 3 regiments of the Royal Engineers his service No's 524511, T3087, WR/179700.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Laurence, age 2, is the only son of William and Emily. The family are living at Chapman's Yard, Hatfield. William is a railway stoker.

**1911 Census:** Laurence, age 12, has moved with his family to Bull Stag Green, Hatfield. There is now another son, Alfred William age 2. Father, William is now a railway engine driver.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine October 1915:** Fourteenth list of men Mobilised from Hatfield, *Gentle, Lawrence - North Road - Royal Engineers.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1918:** Roll of Honour..... *In the same way the death of Sapper Lawrence Gentle R.E., who died of pneumonia in France, brings grief into a home where he was much loved, and casts a veil of sorrow upon his family at a time of much public rejoicing. He was aged only 20, and enlisted at the age of 16. Can any life have been fuller, and more patriotic than that of this Hatfield boy?*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs W.P. Gentle (Mother) of Bull Stag Green, Hatfield received a Silver Matchbox.

## Gittings, James Walker.



Hatfield War Memorial



Le Touret Military Cemetery



Hertfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GITTINGS, J. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Unit Text:</b>	1st Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Date of Death:</b>	19/07/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	2594
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gittings, of The Priory Gardens, Abbots Leigh, Bristol.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	III. J. 11.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>LE TOURET MILITARY CEMETERY, RICHEBOURG-L'AVOUE</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Book:** No

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** James Walker Gittings, Birth place: Wotton-under-edge, Glos., Residence: Abbots Leigh, Bristol, Death date 19 Jul 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Lance Corporal, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 2594, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1911 Census:** A James Walker Gittings, age 24, is working in Somerset as a journeyman gardener.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914,** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield- Gittings, J. W. – Arm and Sword Yard – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Territorials.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine September 1916,** Roll of Honour Entry "..... *The death of Private James Gittings was a cruel blow to his parents and friends. He was not a native of Hatfield, but he had lived here four years before the war, and his services in the gardens at Hatfield House were greatly valued. Permission has kindly been given to publish the following letter:-*

18/8/16.

*"No doubt by this time you will have heard from the War Office respecting your friend's death, Lance-Cpl. James Walker Gittings, on the 20/7/16. He was shot in the head by a German sniper, and he died immediately. His remains were buried in the British Cemetery on the Rue de Bois, near Festubert, and a cross has been placed over his grave. I should like to mention that he was a great friend of mine ever since he joined the Machine Gun Section, and I shall miss him very much. He was always cheerful and ready to do anything. Only a few days previous he did some good work with the gun by repelling a bombing attack made by the Germans, and his death has caused a gap in the Section which I am afraid it will be hard to fill. The whole of the Section and myself deeply sympathise with you in your sad loss, and it may be some consolation to you to know that he died a hero's death, fighting for his country*

*Cpl. Johnstone*



## Goodman, William Marshall.



**Hatfield War Memorial**



**Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial**



**Suffolk Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GOODMAN, W. M.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Suffolk Regiment
<b>Unit Text:</b>	1st Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	18
<b>Date of Death:</b>	25/05/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	17418
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy William Goodman, of 34, Norwich St., Cambridge.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 21.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b><u>YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL</u></b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Book:** No

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK Soldiers, Died in the Great War 1914–1919: William Marshall Goodman, Birth place: Cambridge, Rank: Private, Regiment: Suffolk Regiment, Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Number 17418, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1911 Census:** William, age 14, is working as a houseboy (domestic), and living with his parents Percy and Emma and siblings. The family were living at 55 Cambridge Place, Cambridge.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Aug 1915,** Roll of Honour, *Killed - Goodman, William.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Goodman, William M. query Woodside, joined up from Cambridge. Formerly foreman at Sir William Church's estate.

## Goodge, Reginald Walter.



Lemsford War Memorial



Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension



Royal Field Artillery

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GOODGE, R. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Gunner
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Field Artillery
<b>Unit Text:</b>	50th Bde.
<b>Age:</b>	21
<b>Date of Death:</b>	23/04/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	82155
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mary Ann Goodge, of "Riverside," Lemsford, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II. B. 56.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#">AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Lemsford War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Reginald Walter Goodge, Birth place: Lemsford, Herts., Death date: 23 Apr 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Nottingham, Rank: Gunner, Regiment Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, Number: 821555, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Reginald, age 6, is living with his parents, Walter and Mary Ann and two sisters in Lemsford. Walter is a carter at flour mill.

**1911 Census:** Reginald is still living in Lemsford with his now widowed Mother and one brother. He is now working as a railway porter.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1917:** Lemsford News, Roll of Honour - *With great regret we have to add another name to our Roll of Honour. Bombardier R. Goodge R.F.A son of Mrs Walter Goodge died in France on April 23<sup>rd</sup> of wounds received the previous day, when he was hit by a piece of gas shell. Previous to the war he was on the Gt. Northern Railway, and was one of the first to join the army in Aug 1914.*

*A service in his memory was held in the Parish Church on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at evensong, where there was a large congregation. Part of the funereal service was read and appropriate hymns and psalms were beautifully sung while the organist quietly rendered most appropriate music, much sympathy is felt for his mother.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Goodge (Mother) no address given, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Goody, Geoffrey Riddell.



Hatfield War Memorial



Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille



King's Royal Rifle Corps

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GOODY, G. R.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	King's Royal Rifle Corps
<b>Unit Text:</b>	9th Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Date of Death:</b>	14/07/1918
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Charles James and Florence Elizabeth Riddell Goody, of Myles Down Cottage, Mill Hill, Middlesex.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I. F. 1.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#"><b>TERLINCTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, WIMILLE</b></a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Geoffrey Riddell Goody, Death date: 14 Jul 1918, Rank: Temp Lieutenant, Regiment: King's royal Rifle Corps, Battalion: 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Type of casualty: killed, Comments: Att 10 Tr res B.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 14/15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Geoffrey's medal card shows, that he enlisted in the 19<sup>th</sup> Brigade Royal Fusiliers (2<sup>nd</sup> Public schools) he attained the rank of Sergeant Major, (later CSM). Entered the war in France, on 14/11/1915. Received commission of Second Lieutenant, when he transferred to 60<sup>th</sup> Kings Royal Rifle Corps in 1916, later promoted to Lieutenant.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Geoffrey, age 11, is living with his parents, Charles and Florence and sisters at St John's Vicarage, Whetstone, Finchley, Middx. Charles is a clergyman, C. of E. There is also a governess and 3 servants living at the address.

**1911 Census:** Geoffrey, age 21, is still listed as living with his parents and sisters at St. John's Vicarage. He is a student at Oxford, Pembroke College. Also listed are four visitors who are certificated teachers at church elementary school and 3 servants.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine October 1914:** 2<sup>nd</sup> List of men mobilised - Goody, Geoffrey Riddle, from Hatfield End - Royal Fusiliers, Public School and University Men Battalion.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine March 1916:** Promotions - Geoffrey Goody- Sergeant Major - Public Schools Battalion.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine July 1916:** Promotions - Goody Geoffrey R. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant - 60<sup>th</sup> Rifles.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1918:** Roll of Honour, Lieutenant Geoffrey Goody another announcement which his friends will grieve to read is "accidently killed in France July 13<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Geoffrey Riddell Goody, Kings Royal Rifles Corps. Aged 28 youngest son of the late Rev. Charles James Goody of Whetstone and Mrs Goody of the Cottage Bookman's Park Hatfield".

**England & Wales. National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966:** Goody, Geoffrey Riddel of the Cottage Brookmans Park, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, Lieutenant K.R.R.C. died 14<sup>th</sup> July 1918 in France. Administration London, 27 January to Jessie Mary Florence Goody, spinster. Effects £155 18s 1d.

Brother of Gilbert Alexander Goody

## Goody, Gilbert Alexander.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**

**Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte**

**Kings Own Royal Rifle Corps**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GOODY, G. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Second Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	King's Royal Rifle Corps 22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn. Attd. 16 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Date of Death:</b>	06/11/1916
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of the Rev. Charles James and Florence Elizabeth Riddell Goody, of The Cottage, Myles Down, Mill Hill, London. Native of Whetstone, Middx.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I. B. 25.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#">GROVE TOWN CEMETERY, MEAULTE</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Gilbert Alexander Goody, Death date: 6 Nov 1916, Rank: Temp 2/Lieutenant, Regiment: King's Royal Rifle Corps, Battalion: 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, comments: Att 16 B.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 14/15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Gilbert's medal card shows, that he enlisted in the 19<sup>th</sup> Brigade Royal Fusiliers (2<sup>nd</sup> Public schools) he had the rank of Lance-Corporal. Entered the war in France, on 14/11/1915. Transferred to the Kings Royal Rifle Corps in 1916, promoted to Second Lieutenant 6/7/1916. Died of wounds 6/11/1916.

### Further Research

**1891 Census:** Gilbert, age 2, is with his parents Charles and Florence and siblings at St John's Vicarage, Whetstone, Finchley, Middx. Charles is a Clergyman.

**1901 Census:** Gilbert age 12 is a pupil at the Rectory, All Hallows, Hampshire.

**1911 Census:** Gilbert, age 22, is a lecturer in surveying, living at the Agricultural College, Uckfield, Sussex.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, March 1916:** Promotions, Gilbert Goody, *Corporal Public Schools Battalion*.

Brother to Geoffrey Riddell Goody



## Green, John Edward.



**Newtown & Roe Green  
Memorial, St Luke's Church**  
(Under the name Jack Green)



**Lille Southern Cemetery**



**Royal Engineers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GREEN, J. E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Sapper
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Engineers 112 <sup>th</sup> Railway Coy.
<b>Age:</b>	27
<b>Date of Death:</b>	20/02/1919
<b>Service No:</b>	WR/250933
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John and Georgina Green, of Newtown, Hatfield; husband of Dorothy Lydia Rebecca Green, of Reeves Cottages, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II. A. 1.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#">LILLE SOUTHERN CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920:** Prior to signing up with the Royal Engineers, John served for 18 months in the Herts. Volunteers. When he joined the Royal engineers on the 2nd Dec. 1914, his record shows he was a platelayer with the GNR., as a result he was assigned to the 112th Railway company. John died in hospital in France of Influenza on the 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1919. His death is recorded as - **Report re the death of WR/250933, Spr. J.F.Green 112<sup>th</sup> Rly. Company.** *The above named soldier was admitted to this hospital on 4/2/19 suffering from Influenza which was contracted during military service, and aggravated by exposure or fatigue while on Military duty. He was in no way to blame. He died on 19/2/19.*

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** John, age 10, is living with parents John and Georgina and siblings in St Albans Road, Newtown. Father, John is a Dust contractor.

**1911 Census:** A John and Lydia Green are living in a one room apartment in Hatfield Newtown they have been married for only a few months. John's occupation is given as a carter general.

**England & Wales, Free BMD Marriage Index 1837-1915:** A John Green married a Dorothy L R Sadler in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 1911. in Hatfield

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs John Green (Widow) of Reeves Cottages, North Mimms, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Greenham, Frank H. J.



Hatfield War Memorial



Acheux British Cemetery



Royal Engineers

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GREENHAM, F. H. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Sapper
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Engineers, 249 <sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Field Coy. Secondary Unit attd. R.N.Div
<b>Age:</b>	20
<b>Date of Death:</b>	03/07/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	522237
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greenham, of Hatfield, Herts. At the time of being wounded he was attached to the Royal Naval Division.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Plot 1. Row E. Grave 24.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#">ACHEUX BRITISH CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Frank Herbert John Greenham, Birth place: Hatfield, Death date: 3 Jul 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, enlistment location: Luton, Beds, Rank: Spr., Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers, Number 522237, Type of casualty: Died to wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Front: Comments: 249<sup>th</sup> field Coy., R.E.

**The National Roll of the Great War 1914-1918 section V, Luton:** He volunteered in Aug. 1915 and in the following April was drafted to France where he was engaged on important duties in connection with the operations and was frequently in the fighting lines, especially in the Somme and Ypres sections. In March 1917 he was invalided home but after a time returned to the Western Front, where he rendered valuable service until K.I.A. on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1918. He lived at 22 Inkerman Rd. St. Albans

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal, British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Frank, age 2, is living with parents Frank and Annie and sister, Edith at 10 Glebe Cottages. Father, Frank, is a self employed Hairdresser.

**1911 Census:** Frank, age, 12 has moved with his family to 1 Church Street, Hatfield. Father, Frank, is still a self employed hairdresser. There is now another sister in the family. Also listed on the census is a boarder who is an assistant hairdresser.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1916:** 13<sup>th</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Greenham Frank H. J. Church St. - Royal Engineers.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour, *Two more gallant sons of Hatfield have given their lives for their King and Country, by the deaths of Sergt. William Hill 1<sup>st</sup> Herts and Frank Greenham R.E. Though the family of the latter had left Hatfield there are many relatives still residing here to*

*morn his loss and many will regret the sunny open face of the boy who was known and liked by many and who was for several years a chorister. His commanding officer writes of him, "As his section officer I had come to esteem him very highly; he had a quiet gentlemanly manner with a lovable disposition; at work he could always be trusted to do his job conscientiously and well, and off duty he was a great sportsman, entering with zest all the sports and games of the Company. He was very much liked by everyone in the section. Your son went out on a job wiring the front line; everything went well until the work was nearly finished when he was hit by a machine gun bullet in the chest. He was carried down to the aid post by stretcher bearers and though suffering some pain bore it bravely.....he sent back a message "Tell the boys I feel a bit groggy but will write them for certain from Blighty", but he died about two hours later after reaching the dressing station: Your son was buried at the British Military Cemetery at Acheux and we are making a cross for the grave which will be fixed in a few days".*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Greenham (Mother) of 20 or 22 Inkerman Road, St Albans had received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Gregory, Henry.



**Henry Gregory**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Ancre British Cemetery,  
Beaumont-Hamel**



**Honourable  
Artillery Company**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GREGORY, H
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Honourable Artillery Company, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	30
<b>Date of Death:</b>	08/02/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	4787
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John and A. S. Gregory, of Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VII. F. 36.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#">ANCRE BRITISH CEMETERY, BEAUMONT-HAMEL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Henry Gregory, Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 8 Feb 1917, Death location: France & Flanders. Enlistment location: Armoury House, Rank: Private, Regiment: Honourable Artillery Company, Battalion: (Infantry), Number: 4787, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** The family are living in Park Street, Hatfield. Henry (known as Harry), age 14, is the only son with 5 sisters, his Mother, Ann Sophie and Father, John, were both born in Hatfield; John's occupation is a Grocer. The shop was in Park St.

**1901 Census:** Henry is a pupil at St Saviours College Ardingley, Sussex.

**1911 Census:** Henry is working as grocer's assistant in his father's Grocers and Ironmongers shop. Henry is 25 and unmarried

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1915:** 16<sup>th</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, *Gregory, Harry Park St. Hon. Artillery Company.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, March 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour, *Henry Gregory our very deep sympathy with Mr and Mrs Gregory on the death in action of their only son.*

**Herts. Advertiser, 3/3/1917:** Pte Harry Gregory, Hatfield Humorist Gives his Life.

*Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs John Gregory of Park Street, Hatfield in the loss that they have sustained by the death of their only son, Harry Gregory of the Honourable Artillery Company who was killed in action on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The sad news arrived from the War Office on Thursday last and letters have been received from comrades of the dead soldier confirming it.*

*Pte H Gregory enlisted in November 1915 and went to the front on November 18<sup>th</sup> 1916 and therefore had been abroad only three months. Whilst in England he had the rank of corporal but when sent to France he reverted*

*to the rank of private. It appears that he was on sentry duty alternately with a comrade and was sleeping prior to taking his turn when a shell burst and killed both of them.*

*Before enlistment Private Gregory was employed with his father in the grocery business in Park Street Hatfield. Possessed of a considerable talent as a humorous vocalist, he was a good deal in demand and had many friends in Hatfield and neighbourhood. He was also closely identified with cricket, football and tennis and in that connection enjoyed a good deal of popularity. He was thirty years of age. Many letters of sympathy and admiration have reached the bereaved parents.*

*A comrade who was with Private Gregory at the time he met his death writes to Mr Gregory describing the circumstances. He states that Private Gregory was killed instantly and while asleep. "Our regiment", he writes "had advanced and took a road line of German fighters (???)". We got .....(?) and secured our position and beat off a counter-attack. The very next day we were subjected to a very heavy shell-fire. The only cover we had was provided by shell holes which we had to dig deeply and build parapets round. On Thursday night your son and I were in the same shell-hole on guard with two other men. About ten o'clock at night a shell burst in our fort killed the man on sentry duty and your son (who was next on duty and asleep at the time). Wounded the other man and buried me. I cannot tell you how I feel your son's death. We had always been close friends since we joined. The last day we spent entirely together, we took our meals together in a shell-hole and what little sleep we could during the day. We, the men who knew him, are very sorry as he was a cheerful companion and true friend. Those that remain of his section wish me to convey their deepest sympathy in your affliction."*

*Another private in the deceased's section, in a letter to Mr and Mrs Gregory, states that Private Gregory's death is a great loss to the section and the members feel it very much. "I much appreciate his good comradeship and always ready willingness to help on all occasions. The Fates were kind to me in the fact that after working hard for two whole nights together, digging ourselves in, making a thin very shallow trench deeper so that we had some sort of cover, a shell burst on the parapet and I was almost completely buried. Gregory was close to me but .....and worked away and got me out again. I was put out of action though and had to go down to a field hospital for a couple of days and when I shook hands and we wished one another good luck I little thought it would be for the last time. It was two days afterwards when an advance had been made that he was mortally hit with a shell.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs J. Gregory (Mother) of Park Street, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Griffin, Thomas G.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**

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**Arras Memorial**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GRIFFIN, T. G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
<b>Date of Death:</b>	23/04/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	12896
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Bay 5.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">ARRAS MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Thomas George Griffin, Birth place: Watton, Herts., Residence: Hatfield Hyde, Death date: 23 Apr 1917, Death location: France & Flanders: Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire, Battalion: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 12896, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Thomas, age 4 and born in Watton, Herts., is living with his family at No 37 Wharfing Cottage Stapleford Herts., Father, John, age 46, is an agricultural labourer, his Mother, Emily, is 44. Thomas is the youngest of 6 siblings.

**1911 Census:** Thomas, age 15, is living at West End, Essendon with his sister Nellie and her husband Frederick Hunt. Thomas is working as farm labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine August 1916:** 24<sup>th</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield- *Griffin, Thomas G. The Hyde, 1<sup>st</sup> Beds Regt.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Harding (Sister) of Hill Farm, Ayot St Lawrence, nr Welwyn, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Groom, David.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria**



**Royal Irish Fusiliers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	GROOM, D.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
<b>Date of Death:</b>	30/09/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	22250
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	1699.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>MIKRA BRITISH CEMETERY, KALAMARIA</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield and Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers died in the Great War: David Groom, Birth place: Stevenage, Herts., Residence: Hatfield Hyde, Herts., Death date: 30 Sep 1916, Death location: Salonika, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers): 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 22250, Type of casualty: Died, Theatre of War: Balkan Theatre, Comments: Formerly 8781, Beds Regt.

**Ireland, Casualties of World War 1 1914-1918:** Groom, David. Reg. No. 22250. Rank, Private, Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5<sup>th</sup> Batt.; died, Salonika, September 30, 1916; born Stevenage, Hertfordshire

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

**Further Research: England & Wales Christening Records, 1530-1906:** David was born in Stevenage on the 16<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1885. His parent's names are Thomas and Eliza.

**1901 Census:** David, age 17, is working as agricultural labourer, and lodging at 23 Kneesworth Street Royston.

**1911 Census:** David, age 27, is married to Minnie Maud; they are living at 13 Sandpit Cottage, Hatfield Hyde and have 4 children. David is working as a sandpit Labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1914:** Fourth List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, *Groom David, Hatfield Hyde, 4<sup>th</sup> Beds Regt.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, January 1917:** Roll of Honour, *David Groom. The following letter will be of interest to some of our readers as giving long delayed information about the last days of David groom who died some months ago in Salonika, deeply mourned as will be seen by the letter.*

13<sup>th</sup> November 1916... "Dear Mrs Groom, I have just received a letter of enquiry from Lady Florence Cecil re your husband's death. He took ill with malaria on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and was immediately transferred through the field ambulance to the base hospital at Salonika where he died on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. He was buried at the base.....It must have been a sad loss to you, but I trust that God who enabled you to make the sacrifice of letting him come to help his Country in its hour of need will also strengthen and comfort you in the hour of your sorrow. Your husband was a good and gallant soldier and he is a great loss to us. All ranks send their sincere sympathy.

Believe me, yours sincerely, S. Hutchinson, Chaplain.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Groom (Widow) of 16, Sandpit Cottages, Hatfield Hyde received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Hall, Hubert John.



**Hubert John Hall**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Tyne Cot Memorial**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	Hall, H. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	27/04/1918, Age: 34
<b>Service No:</b>	2633, 265564
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Further Information:</b>	Son of William Hall; husband of Edith Alice Hall of "East Goldings," Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Reference:</b>	Panel 153
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>TYNE COT MEMORIAL</b>

**Hatfield, In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Hubert John Hall, Birth place: Wye, Kent, Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Death date 27 Apr 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 265564, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** Hubert, age 7, is living with parents William and Jane, four siblings and maternal grandmother at Keepers Cottage, Hatfield Park, Hubert was born at Wye Kent 1884. His Father, William is head game keeper.

**1901 Census:** The family are still living at Keepers Cottage, Hubert, age 17, is working as carpenter/joiner for the estate.

**1911 Census:** Hubert is a boarder with Mrs Whitby in Hatfield, Newtown and now working as a carpenter to the building trade. In 1915 he married Edith Alice Kentish.



Newtown & Roe Green  
Memorial  
St Luke's church

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, *Hall, Hubert John, Newtown, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Territorials.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine June, 1918:** Roll of Honour, *Four of the best of us are, alas! Reported missing .....; Hubert and Robert Hall, .....; It would have been hard to pick four finer types of our young manhood; our thoughts and prayers are indeed with those that watch and wait.*

Brother of Robert William Hall

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Hall (Widow) of East Goldings, Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Memorial St Luke's Churchyard,  
SP7/7



In Loving memory  
Also Robert William Hall aged 35years and  
Hubert John Hall aged 33years  
both killed in France 1918

## Hall, Robert William.



**Robert W Hall**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Pozieres Memorial**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HALL, R. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	36
<b>Date of Death:</b>	29/03/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	265163
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of William Edward and Jane Hall, of Duke's Lodge, Hatfield Park, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 89 and 90.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>POZIERES MEMORIAL</b>

**Hatfield, In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Robert William Hall, Birth place: Challock, Kent, Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 29 Mar 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Herts., Rank: Private, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 265163, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional information, Robert signed up 06/11/1914 in the Hertfordshire Regiment (Reg. No1841), which later merged with the Bedfordshire Regiment (Reg. No265163).

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** Robert, age 8 and born 1883 in Challock Kent, is living with Mother, Jane, and Father, William who was Head Game Keeper at Hatfield Park, in Keepers Cottage, Hatfield Park. Robert has five siblings. Also living with the family is Robert's maternal Grandmother.

**1901 Census:** Robert, age 18, is still living at Keepers Cottage and is employed on the estate as an estate agents clerk.

**1911 Census:** Robert, aged 28, is a boarder with Mr and Mrs Akers at 25 Primrose Cottages, Hatfield. He is still an estate agents clerk.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine September 1914:** List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Hall, R.W.* – *Hatfield Park - Territorials*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine June 1918:** Hatfield Roll Of Honour – *Four of the best of us are, alas! reported missing ..... , Herbert and Robert Hall, ..... ; it would have been hard to pick four finer types of our young manhood : our thoughts and prayers are indeed with those who watch and wait.*

**Herts. Advertiser, 11.5.18:**

*Private Robert Hall: Hatfield Keeper's Son Missing.*

*Mr W E Hall head-keeper on the Hatfield Estate has received official information that his son, Robert, of the Herts. Regt has been missing since the opening of the German offensive. His brother, Hubert, also of the Herts. Regt, who has been in the same fighting, writes to say that he can find no trace of him and fears that he, with other men, was killed by a shell burst. Private Robert Hall, who was in civil life employed in the Estate Office at Hatfield, was a member of the Hatfield section of the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regt. and when war broke out he went to France with the regiment in Nov. 1914. He was severely wounded in the fighting round Festubert and was for a long period in England before returning to the Front. Mr Hall's third son, Arthur, is in the Machine Corps. (The latter survived. Hubert d. 27<sup>th</sup> April 1918 exactly a month after Robert)*

Brother of Hubert John Hall

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr W.E. Hall (Father) of Hatfield Park received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album",

Memorial St Luke's Churchyard,  
SP7/7



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## Halsey, Albert Edward.



**Albert Edward Halsey**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Avesnes-Sur-Helpe Communal Cemetery**



**Lincolnshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	Halsey, A. E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lincolnshire Regiment, Formerly 26840, Beds Regt
<b>Age:</b>	30
<b>Date of Death:</b>	01/07/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	51631
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mr H.J. and Mrs M Halsey of 12 Grace Mead, New Town, Hatfield
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Died in Avesnes Hospital
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	D.18
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">AVESNES-SUR-HELPE COMMUNAL CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Dies in the Great War, 1914-1919: Albert Edward Halsey, Birth Place: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 5 Jul 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: St. Albans, Herts., Rank: Private, Regiment: Lincolnshire Regiment, Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Number 51631, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: formerly 26840, Beds Regt.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** Albert, age 2, is living in Park Street, Hatfield. His Father, Henry, is working as a points shunter for G.N.R. His Mother's name is Mahalah.

**1901 census:** Albert, aged 12 is living with his family at Chapmans Terrace. His Father is still a railway foreman points shunter. He has one brother.

**1911 census:** Albert, age 22, is living as a boarder at Kenwyn House, Bedmont Rd. Cheam Surrey. He is working as a boot repairer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine April 1916:** 20<sup>th</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield, *Halsey, Albert E. Gracemead Cottages, 3<sup>rd</sup> Beds. Regiment.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine July 1918:** *Prisoner in Germany*  
*Albert Edward Halsey 1<sup>st</sup> Lincolnshire Regt.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine February 1919:** Hatfield Roll of Honour - *It is with great regret that we announce the death from pneumonia of Pte. Albert E. Halsey 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regt. Son of Mr H J Halsey of Gracemead, who died as a P.O.W at Avesnes Hospital in Germany, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1918 age 30. He was captured in the big German push of April and nothing could be heard of him till the middle of January, when the sad news of his death reached his parents through the Red Cross. There is a particular poignancy in the death*



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
St Luke's Church

*of those who have died in an enemy country, without the means of communication with their friends, and the widest symphony is felt for Mr and Mrs Halsey and family.*

**Bishops Hatfield Parish Magazine, March 1919:** Correction. ....it was thro' the efforts of Lady Salisbury, not thro' the Red Cross that the news first reached the family.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Halsey (Mother) of 12 Gracemead Cottages received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Family Memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P2 3/18



In Loving Memory  
A.E. Halsey, beloved son of H. J. & M. Halsey  
who died while a prisoner of war at Avesnes Hospital  
July 5<sup>th</sup> 1918 aged 30 years



## Halsey, Frederic George.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Soissons Memorial**



**Northumberland Fusiliers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	Halsey F.G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Northumberland Fusiliers
<b>Age:</b>	19
<b>Date of Death:</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> May 1918
<b>Service No:</b>	65547
<b>Additional information:</b>	Formerly 388880, West Riding Regt.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">SOISSONS MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Frederick George Halsey, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 27 May 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Watford, Herts., Rank: Private, Regiment: Northumberland Fusiliers, Battalion: 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number 65547, Casualty: Killed in Action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: Formerly 388880, West Riding Regt.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 census:** Frederick born, age 2, is living with his parents and siblings in Roe Green Cottages. His Father, Arthur, is a plate layer for the G.N.R. His Mother's name is Anne.

**1911 Census:** Frederick, age 12, is living at 3 Cecil Cottages Roe Green with his family. His father is now a farm labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine July 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour - *We have still a heavy toll of losses to report .....*; and on May 27<sup>th</sup> Pte F.G. Halsey 14<sup>th</sup> Northumberland Fusiliers was Killed in Action.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Halsey (Mother) of 3, Cecil Cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



PTE. F. G. HALSEY,  
NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS,  
of Roe Green, Hatfield,  
Killed in action.

(Herts. Advertiser).

## Halsey, James



James Halsey



Div. Collecting Post & Extension



Canadian Infantry 49<sup>th</sup> Div.

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HALSEY, J.
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Canadian Infantry, 49 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
<b>Date of Death:</b>	Between 02/06/1916 and 05/06/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	435211
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II.F.7.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">Divisional Collecting Post Cemetery and Extension</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Lemsford War Memorial: Yes

Service Record: see Canadian attestation papers overleaf [www.collectioncanada.gc.ca](http://www.collectioncanada.gc.ca)

Medal Card: Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### Further Research

**1881:** James, age 6 born in Welwyn, is living with his parents Thomas and Sarah and 5 siblings in London Road, Welwyn. His Father is a Woodman.

**1891:** A James Halsey, age 15, born in Welwyn, is with his Grandparents, William & Elizabeth Halsey, at Whetstone Middx. James is working as a gardener's boy.

**1901:** James, age 26, born Welwyn, is now working as a Footman (domestic) in Bletchingly, Surrey.

In 1909 James leaves England for Canada.

James's link to Lemsford appears to be through his sister Mrs J Cochrane, Church Hill, Lemsford.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1916:** Lemsford News. A short memorial service was held on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in memory of those men belonging to the Parish and neighbourhood who have fallen.....James Halsey.....



Lemsford War Memorial

# ATTESTATION PAPER

## CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

No.

Folio.

### QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your name? James Halsey
2. In what Town, Township, or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Hertfordshire Eng
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Mrs J. Cochrane (Sister)
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Church Hill, Hemmelford, Herts Eng
5. What is the date of your birth? 11 Feb 1875
6. What is your trade or calling? City Foreman
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?  
If so, state particulars of former Service. No
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? Yes

J. Halsey (Signature of Man.)  
Wm Hodgeson (Signature of Witness.)

### DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, James Halsey, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date 19 May 1915 J. Halsey (Signature of Recruit.)  
Wm Hodgeson (Signature of Witness.)

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, James Halsey, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date 19 May 1915 J. Halsey (Signature of Recruit.)  
Wm Hodgeson (Signature of Witness.)

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Calgary this 19th day of May 1915

(Sd.) J. L. Parry (Signature of Justice.)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

(Approving Officer.)

# DESCRIPTION OF James Halsey ON ENLISTMENT.

Apparent Age 40 years 0 months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

Height 5 ft. 5 ins.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 35 ins.  
Range of expansion 3 ins.

Complexion Light

Eyes Blue

Hair Light

Religious Denominations { Church of England  
Presbyterian  
Methodist Yes  
Baptist or Congregationalist  
Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated.)  
Roman Catholic  
Jewish

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

None

## CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him\* Fit for the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force.

Date May 19 1915

Place Calgary Alta.

W. L. G. H. S. L. S.  
Bapt. M. O. 50<sup>th</sup> Batt. B. E. F.  
Medical Officer.

\*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

## CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT

..... having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

..... (Signature of Officer.)

Date 191

## Hawthorne, Ernest Frederick.



Hatfield War Memorial



Roeux British Cemetery



The Household Battalion

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HAWTHORNE, E. F.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Acting Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Household Battalion
<b>Age:</b>	24
<b>Date of Death:</b>	25/08/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	438
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Sp. Mem. D. 7.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">ROEUX BRITISH CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Ernest Frederick Hawthorne, Birth place: St Albans, Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 25 Aug 1917, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: St Albans, Rank: Tpr., Regiment: Household cavalry and Cavalry of the Line (incl. Yeomanry and Imperial Camel Corps), Battalion: Household Battalion, Number: 438, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: Formerly 3700, 2<sup>nd</sup> L.G.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

There is an Ernest Frederick Hawthorne, born Hertford 6<sup>th</sup> October 1893, full name Ernest Frederick James.

**1911 census:** Father, Frederick and Ernest are both working as whitesmiths, (bike smiths and cycle agent).

Mother, Bertha, died in childbirth in 1911. The family are living at 45, Hertingfordbury Road, Hertford.

On January 29<sup>th</sup> 1916, Ernest married a Lena Brown at Hatfield

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine October 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour..... *Much sympathy is also felt for the young widow of Ernest Hawthorne after so short a married life.*

**Hatfield Parish Council, Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Hawthorne (Widow) of 5 Glebe Cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album.



## Hedger, John.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's church**



**Thiepval Memorial**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HEDGER, J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 1916
<b>Service No:</b>	4/7002
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 2C.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: John Hedger, Birth place: Roe Green, Herts., Death date: 28 Sep 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 4/7002, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. The medal card states that John died of wounds.

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** John, age 7, is living with Father, John and Mother, Rose and siblings in Roe Green. Father, John is working as an agriculture labourer.

**1901 Census:** The family are still living at Roe Green Cottages. John, age 17, is a bricklayer's labourer.

**1911 Census:** John, age 27, is living with his now widowed Mother at the Common, New Town, Hatfield. John is an agricultural labourer and his Mother is working as a charwoman.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** First List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield - *Hedger, John. St. Albans Road. 4<sup>th</sup> Beds.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour, *Our deepest sympathy goes out to families of . . . . . John Hedger, reported missing in Sept. last, is now reported Killed in Action.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Hedger (Mother) of St Albans Road, Newtown, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Hill, (Edward) George



Lemsford War Memorial



Tyne Cot Memorial



East Surrey Regiment

<b>Name:</b>	HILL, E. G.
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	East surrey Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	06/11/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	26303
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 79 to 80 and 163A.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">Tyne Cot Memorial</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Lemsford War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Edward George Hill, Birth place: Lemsford, Herts, Residence: Buckhurst Hill, Essex, Death Date: 6 Nov 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Mill Hill, Middx., Rank: Private, Regiment: East Surrey Regiment, Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Number 26303, Type of Casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Victory Medal, British War Medal [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** A George Hill, age 9, is living with his parents, John and Jane and siblings at Cromer Hyde, Lemsford. His Father is a general labourer.

**1901 Census:** George, age 19, is still living in Lemsford with his parents and siblings. He is working as a general labourer.

**1911 Census:** George, age 29, is now a boarder, living in Manor Park Essex. He is working as a waterman for the Metro Water Board.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, 12<sup>th</sup> December 1917:** Lemsford News – War Notes. *News has come to Mrs John Hill that her youngest son was killed in action in France on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Private George Hill who was in the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. East Sussex Regiment, only joined the Army this year, and went to France for the first time in October. He was one of the best of sons, and will be greatly missed by his widowed mother with who the greatest sympathy is felt.*

## Hill, William Alfred.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**St Amand British Cemetery**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HILL, W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Sergeant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regt. A. Coy. 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11/07/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	12366
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of William Joseph Hill, of 7 Union Lane Newtown Hatfield Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	1V. A. 21.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">ST. AMAND BRITISH CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers died in the Great War, 1914-1919: William Hill, Birth place: Potters Bar, Middx., Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 11 Jul 1918, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: Bedford, Rank: Sergeant, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 12366, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Medal Card shows he joined the 6<sup>th</sup> Bedfordshire Regiment in 1915 and obtained the rank of Lance Corporal later transferred to Beds & Herts. Regiment promoted to Sergeant. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk) Service No. 12366 "A" Company 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment, Date of death 11/07/1918

**The National Roll of The Great War 1914-1918 section V.** He volunteered in August 1914 and the following July was sent to France, serving in several sections, he took an important part in many battles including those on the Somme, and at Ypres, Arras and at Cambrai, and was wounded and sent to hospital. On recovery he rejoined his unit in the field and was K.I.A. on July 11<sup>th</sup> 1918. He was entitled to the 14-15 Star, B.W.M, and Victory Medal. He lived at 7 Union Lane, New Town, Hatfield. X1156/B

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** William, age 8, is living with his parents and two sisters in Union Lane, Hatfield. His Father, William Joseph, is a car man at the brewery.

**1911 Census:** William, age 17, is living with his family at Gun Cottages, Union Lane, Hatfield. William is working as a domestic gardener. His Father is a brewer's drayman.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine December 1915:** Extracts from letters from the front; "So sorry not to have written before, but I really haven't had the time. We have been in the trenches again for six days, and I can tell you we had a very rough time of it, as it was raining every day, the water was up to our knees; it was a good job we had our top boots on, they come right up to our hips, or else we should have been in a bad state. The rain caused such a lot of damage to the trenches, parapets fell in, and when we were relieved there were only a few dug-outs to live in. Our boys stood it very well and were in the best of spirits last night (Sunday) when they

*were marching back a mile or two for a few days rest. We had a fairly quiet time in the trenches in the way of fighting, we got a few "whiz-bangs" over at us, then of course they got a few of ours, "Iron Rations" as our boys call them, but that's nothing worth speaking about. The nights out here now are very cold, but they have served us out with fur coats which make us feel more comfortable."* Lance-Corporal W. Hill 6<sup>th</sup> Beds.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1918:** *Hatfield Roll Of Honour, Two more gallant sons of Hatfield have given their lives for their King and Country by the death of Sergeant William Hill 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regiment . . . . . Concerning Sergeant Hill, his Captain writes "it is my great regret to inform you of the death of your son. He died at 8.30pm on the evening of July 11<sup>th</sup>. He met his death through a machine gun bullet whilst attacking a boche post; he did not linger long and his end was painless. He was a splendid NCO beloved of all ranks and a brave soldier, and met his death facing the enemy as becomes a soldier". A Friend adds "He was liked very much by his pal's and comrades. It is sad to lose one we loved so much, but I can assure you that you have the sympathy of all of us boys who are left". . . . . Sgt. Hill had seen 3 years service since last March.*

**Herts. Advertiser, 27.7.1918:** Sgt. W A Hill.

*Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hill of 7 Union Lane, Hatfield, have received notification of the death of their only son, Sergt. Wm. Alfred Hill, Herts. Regt, who was wounded on July 10<sup>th</sup> and died the following day without regaining consciousness. From letters received from Capt Moore and from the Chaplain (Rev. A W Gibbs) it appears that Sergt. Hill received his wound from a machine gun bullet when on patrol. At the same time the officer in charge and several others were wounded. Capt Moore speaks of him as "A, N C O beloved of all ranks and a brave soldier who met his death facing the enemy, as becomes a soldier." He was buried by his comrades, many of whom belonged to Hatfield. Sergt. Hill who was 25 years of age, was employed in the gardens of Colworth House, Charnbrook. He joined the 6<sup>th</sup> Beds in August 1914 and had seen three years' service in France. He was wounded in April last and on returning to duty two months ago was transferred to the Herts. Regt. The occasion when he met his death was his first duty in the front line since convalescence.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Hill (Mother) of Union Lane, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Hipgrave, Frederick.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HIPGRAVE, F.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	20/04/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	4/7005
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 31 and 33
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">YPRES MENIN GATE MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Frederick Hipgrave, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 20 Apr 1915, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire, Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Number: 4/7005, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Frederick (Freddy), age 15 and born in Hatfield c. 1886, is living with his family, Father, Henry (Harry), Mother, Elizabeth and siblings. Frederick is working as farm labourer. The family are living at Roe Green, Hatfield.

**1911 Census:** Frederick is living at Roe Green with his Mother now a widow, and sister. His Father died in 1904. Frederick is working as a bricklayer's labourer. Frederick was the youngest (aged 29) of the three brothers to have been killed in the war.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine Sept 1914:** 1<sup>ST</sup> List of men mobilised from Hatfield, *Hipgrave, Frederick*, *Roe Green*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Beds.

### **Herts. Advertiser, 18/8/17(?)** The Hipgrave Family:

*Mrs Hipgrave, 1 Greenfoot Cottages. Roe Green, Hatfield, contributed five sons and three grandsons to the Great War and furnishes a striking illustration of how international warfare lays its heavy tribute on peaceful village homes. The patriotism of the brave Hatfield sons is succinctly unfolded in the following brief explanation.*

1) Private John Hipgrave, single, resided at Hatfield Hyde. Joined August 1914, went to France November 1914, killed December 1914 aged 42. Served through the South African War in Coldstream Guards.

2) Private George Hipgrave, married. Joined early 1915, was wounded in France April 1915, now in Egypt aged 40. Lived in Roe Green before enlisting.

3) Private William Hipgrave – Beds Regiment. Single, joined August 1914, went to France April 1915. Twice wounded, went to Egypt January 1916. Killed July 1917, aged 37. Lived Roe Green, served through the South African War.

**4) Private Fred Hipgrave – Beds Regiment. Single, joined August 1914. Went to France Dec 1914.**

**Killed April 1915 aged 29. Lived Roe Green.**

5) Corporal Frank Hipgrave – 1<sup>st</sup> Border Regiment. Single. When war broke out he was in India with Regiment Had served for ten years. Came home, went to the Dardanelles, wounded, next went to France and again wounded. Now discharged through wounds aged 29. Lives at Roe Green.

6) G Hipgrave – on a destroyer aged 16

7) Private Charles Payne – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regiment. Joined early 1916. Killed in action in France Nov 1916 aged 21. Lived at Wymondley near Stevenage.

8) Private John Wilmot – Herts. Regiment. Served before war broke out. Went to France Nov. 1914. Has had two leaves from the Front and still out with the Herts. Regiment – aged 21.

Now all that is left to the bereaved parent is the memory of deeds bravely done, lives given to King and Country and a few letters from co-patriots. A Company Sergeant-Major writes of one of the sons hit by a stray bullet behind the lines when returning to bivouac and killed instantly. A company quarter-master sergeant quotes 'it is with great regret that I write to inform you of your son's death, Private Hipgrave, on the night of the 27<sup>th</sup>. He had taken part in a night raid on the enemy trenches and had practically reached our bivouac when he was hit in the head by a stray bullet, his death was instantaneous. I beg to sympathise with you in your loss and the only consolation I can offer you is that he died in the cause of his country. Always willing to help his comrades and cheerful, he performed his duties well, and in the face of great odds he always carried them out to the letter. His death is greatly lamented by all the officers, NCOs and men of the company who realised to the full his great worth. By his example many of the men have improved the ways of work and, writing as NCO, it was always a pleasure to have such a man to work under one, who acted as a stimulus to the remainder by example and precept.'

Capt H G Armstrong, QC, also wrote August 1<sup>st</sup> 1917

'Dear Mrs Hipgrave,

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## Hipgrave, John.



**Newtown and Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Ration Farm Military Cemetery,**  
**La Chapelle-D'Armentieres**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HIPGRAVE, J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	2nd Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment, attd. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Northamptonshire Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	42
<b>Date of Death:</b>	02/12/1914
<b>Service No:</b>	4/6992
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Elizabeth Hipgrave, of Roe Green Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VI. K. 1
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">RATION FARM MILITARY CEMETERY, LA CHAPELLE-D'ARMENTIERES</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield, Hatfield Hyde & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, **Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** John Hipgrave, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 2 Dec 1914, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Corporal, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Number: 4/6992, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1881 Census:** John, age 7, is living with his parents Harry and Elizabeth and siblings in Roe Green. Father, Harry, is working as a general labourer.

**1911 Census:** John, age 37, is living as a boarder at Hatfield Hyde in the house of a Sarah Martin. He is working as a general labourer.

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**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**

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## Hipgrave, William.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Gaza War Cemetery**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HIPGRAVE, W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	27/07/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	201248
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Hipgrave, of Roe Green, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	XXX. A.2
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">GAZA WAR CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** **UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919:** William Hipgrave, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 27 Jul 1917, Death location: Palestine, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 201248, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Egyptian Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. From the medal card William served first in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Reg. No 4/6994, later the 5<sup>th</sup> Bn.

### **Further Research**

**1881 Census:** William is 4months old, he is with his parents, Henry and Elizabeth and siblings in Roe Green. Father, Henry is a general labourer.

**1891 Census:** William, age 9, is still living at Roe Green with his parents and siblings. His Father is now listed as an agricultural labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine Sept 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour- *William Hipgrave 5<sup>th</sup> Beds. Very special sympathy is felt for Mrs Hipgrave of Roe Green, this being the third son whom she has lost during the war.*

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## Hooker, Frederick.



**Frederick Hooker**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Thiepval Memorial**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HOOKER, F.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Date of Death:</b>	15/09/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	12986
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Henry and Alice E Hooker, of The Chequers Inn, Pampisford, Cam.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 2C
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** **UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War:** Frederick Hooker, Birth place: Tottenham, Middx., Residence: Tunbridge Wells, Kent, Death date: 15 Sep 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Rank: Corporal, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 12986, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Frederick, age 9, is living with his Father, Henry and Mother, Alice and siblings at 9 Brache St. Luton. His Father is working as a cooper, and his Mother as a laundress. Frederick born in Tottenham London.

**1911 Census:** Frederick, age 19, is living in Hatfield Hyde. He is a boarder in the house of Mr Robert Keely. Frederick is working as a Sandpit Labourer. His family are now living in Park Street Hatfield. Father, Henry is working as a brewery cooper at the Brewery in Hatfield.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine Oct 1914:** Second list of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, *Hooker, Fred, Hatfield Hyde, 3<sup>rd</sup> Beds. Regt.*



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**

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## Humphreys, Walter Sidney.



**Walter Sidney Humphreys**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Lala Baba Cemetery**



**Hertfordshire Yeomanry**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HUMPHREYS, W.S.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Yeomanry "D" Sqdn. 1 <sup>st</sup> /1st
<b>Age:</b>	23
<b>Date of Death:</b>	21/08/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	1740
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Walter Henry and Emma Catherine Humphreys of 7 Cecil Crescent, Hatfield. Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action, Gallipoli
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	111. D. 2
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">LALA BABA CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers died in the Great War 1914-1919: Walter Sidney Humphreys, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 23 Aug 1915, Death location: Gallipoli, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line (Incl. Yeomanry and Imperial Camel Corps.) Battalion: Herts. Yeomanry, Number: 1740, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Balkan theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Walter, age 9, is living with his family in London Rd., Hatfield. Father, Walter, a Dairyman and Carman Contractor (Own Company), Mother, Emma and siblings.

**1911 Census:** The family are still living at London Rd. Walter, 19, is an apprentice Coachbuilder.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second list of Men Mobilised from Hatfield; *Humphreys, Sidney, Goldings, Herts. Yeomanry.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1915:** Hatfield Roll of Honour; *Sidney Humphreys, - A Memorial Service for Sidney Humphreys was held in the Parish Church on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 and was very largely attended a detachment of the Herts., Yeomanry also coming to do honour to the memory of their late comrade. The Service was very beautiful and especially noticeable how everyone joined in singing the three appropriate hymns chosen. Great feelings shown for Mr and Mrs Humphreys who are helped in their sorrow by full knowledge of the last moments of their son, received from the Chaplin: Trooper Humphreys was tenderly cared for up to the end.*

**Herts Mercury. Sept 1915:** *Herts Yeomanry Man Dies of Wounds: Mr and Mrs Humphreys of Goldings Dairy received intimation from the Commanding Officer of the Eastern division at the War Office on Monday morning that their son Sidney a trooper in 'D' Squadron of the Herts Yeomanry, died from wounds on August 23, which he received in the recent fighting in Gallipoli. Trooper Sidney Humphreys, who was only 23 years old, was their youngest son and joined the Yeomanry with two others of his close friends a few days before the regiment sailed for Egypt. He had served as an apprentice at Messers Gray and Sons, Coach Builders and was well up in all motor car and electrical work when he left England. A straight forward honest workman and a dutiful son, his loss will be severely felt by his parents and relatives for whom much sympathy is felt. He was a useful member of the Hatfield Fire Brigade. He represented the fourth generation of the family in the Herts Yeomanry, his Great Grandfather having joined the regiment in 1830*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Humphreys (Mother) of Goldings Dairy, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Hunt, Arthur George.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
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**Chatham Naval Memorial**



**HMS Natal**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HUNT, A. G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Stoker 1 <sup>st</sup> Class
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Navy H.M.S. Natal
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	30/12/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	k/10522
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Frederick William and Lizzie Hunt of 15 Sandpit Cottages Hatfield Hyde. Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 11
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: Royal Navy & Royal Marine War Grave Roll, 1914-1919:** Arthur George Hunt, Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Born 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1893, Birth Place: Hitchin Herts., Cause of Death: Killed or died by means other than disease, accident or enemy action, Date of Death: 30 Dec 1915, Ship: H.M.S. Natal. Body not recovered for burial, relatives notified, Mother Elizabeth at 15 Sandpit Cottages Hatfield Hyde.

**Wikipedia:** On 30 December 1915, Natal was lying in the Cromarty Firth with her squadron, under the command of Captain Eric Back. The captain was hosting a film party on board and had invited the wives and children of his officers, one civilian friend and his family, and nurses from the nearby hospital ship 'Drina' to attend. A total of seven women, one civilian male, and three children were in attendance that afternoon. Shortly after 15:25, and without warning, a series of violent explosions tore through the rear part of the ship. She capsized five minutes later. Some thought that she'd been torpedoed by a German U-boat or detonated a submarine-laid mine, but examination of the wreckage revealed that the explosions were internal. The divers sent to investigate the ship reported that the explosions began in either the rear 9.2-inch shell room or the 3-pounder and small arms magazine. The Admiralty court-martial in the causes of her loss concluded that it was caused by an internal ammunition explosion, possibly due to faulty cordite. The Admiralty issued a revised list of the dead and missing that totalled 390 in January 1916, but did not list the women and children on board that day. Losses are listed from 390 to 421.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Arthur, age 7 and in born Hitchin, 1893, is living with his family at Hatfield Hyde. Father, Frederick W. who is working as a Cowman, Mother, Lizzie and siblings.

**1911 Census:** Arthur, age 19, is listed as a Stoker at the Royal Naval Barracks Chatham.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, *Hunt, Arthur G. Hatfield Hyde on H.M.S. NATAL.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, February 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour, *Drowned in H.M.S. "NATAL" – Arthur Hunt. War Notes, The sinking of H.M.S. "NATAL" in the Mediterranean has alas, involved the death of Stoker Arthur Hunt of Hatfield Hyde, to whose parents we tender our heartfelt sympathy. Once again this terrible war has thrown a Hatfield family into grief for the loss of a young life, and taken toll of our gallant defenders.*

Note: According to the Parish Magazine H.M.S." Natal" sunk in the Mediterranean not the Cromarty Firth.

Brother of Frederick William Hunt

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Hunt (Mother) of 15, Sandpit Cottages received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album"..

## Hunt, Frederick William.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
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**Brandhoek New Military Cemetery**



**Royal fusiliers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	HUNT, F. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn. London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers)
<b>Date of Death:</b>	17/08/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	8062/233519
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	11. H. 26
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>BRANDHOEK NEW MILITARY CEMETERY No3</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** **UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Frederick William Hunt, Birth Place: Hitchin, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 17 Aug 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Rank: Private, Regiment: London Regiment, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> (City of London) Battalion (Royal fusiliers), Number: 233519, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European front, Comments: formerly 6595, 5<sup>th</sup> Bedford Regt.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** Frederick, age 2 and born in Hitchin, is living with his Father, Frederick W, a shepherd, agricultural labourer and Mother, Lizzie, a strawplaiter at 1, Russell Slip, Hitchin.

**1901 Census:** Frederick, (spelt Fredrick) age 12 is now living with his family at Hatfield Hyde, Father, Frederick W. is working as a Cowman.

**1911 Census:** Frederick (spelt Fredrick) is married (in 1910) to Edith Nellie Griffin and living at West End, Essendon, he is working as a Farm Labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1916:** List of men mobilised from Hatfield. *Hunt, Frederick W. Hatfield Hyde. 2/3 Beds Regiment.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour. *Died of wounds Frederick Hunt, 1/2 London Regiment.*

Brother of Arthur George Hunt

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Harding (previously Hunt) of Hill Farm Cottages, Ayot St Lawrence received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

See letter on next page.

*J. G. Jeffries*

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Ayot St Lawrence  
nr Welwyn  
Herts

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p. card for my Brothers  
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Late Husband, France

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Mrs Harding's (late Hunt) new husband Harry Harding survived the war and is mentioned in the Hatfield Roll of Honour

## Ingram, Edward.



Hatfield War Memorial



Loos British Cemetery



Suffolk Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	INGRAM, E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	12 <sup>TH</sup> Bn. Suffolk Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	28/06/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	21108
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	XV111. A.1
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">LOOS BRITISH CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** **UK Soldiers Died in the Great War:** Edward Ingram, Birth place: Sawbridgeworth, Herts, Death date: 28 Jun 1916, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Suffolk Regiment, Battalion: 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 21108, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** An Edward J Ingram, age 5 and born in Sawbridgeworth, is living with his parents William and Sarah and four siblings in High Wych Lane, Sawbridgeworth. His Father is an agricultural labourer.

**1901 Census:** The family are now living at Hill Cottages, Stapleford St Mary, Herts. Edward John is working as an agricultural labourer like his father. Edward now has seven siblings.

**Bishops Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1916:** Roll of Honour, *Edward Ingram, 12<sup>TH</sup> Bn. Suffolk Regiment.*  
*.....Edward Ingram, we trust the relatives of Edward Ingram, newcomers in the parish, will accept our earnest condolences on their loss; he was recently killed in battle, and all must grieve for those who mourn a gallant soldier.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Ingram of Woodside Green, Mother, not offered souvenir as son enlisted before coming to Hatfield.



## Ivory, Walter James.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**Morlancourt British Cemetery No 2**



**Norfolk Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	IVORY, W. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Norfolk Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	20
<b>Date of Death:</b>	08/08/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	32395
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of James Hubert and Annie Elizabeth Ivory, of 9 New Cottages, Hatfield Hyde, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	A.29
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>MORLANCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY No2</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Walter James Ivory, Birth place: Hatfield Hyde, Herts., Death date: 8 Aug 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Norfolk Regiment, Battalion: 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 32395, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre,

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Walter, aged 2 and born in Hatfield, is living with his family at The Dairy Farm, Wargrave St. Mary Berks. Father, James (born at Aldeburgh in Norfolk) is working as a Herdsman. His Mother's name is Annie E.

**1911 Census:** Walter, age 13, is living with his Family at 9 Sandpit Cottage, Hatfield Hyde. His Father is working as a brewer's drayman.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, January 1916:** The Confirmation - *The confirmation was held by the Bishop of the Diocese in the parish church at 3.0 clock Thursday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. The names of the candidates from this parish are appended..... Ivory, Walter J.....*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1918:** Roll of Honour - *We much regret to announce the death of Private W. Ivory Norfolk Regiment. Who was killed by explosion of a shell. He was home only a short time ago, in the spring, and on his very short leave found the opportunity to be present at God's Alter, may God rest him! Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see Him!*

*The following has been received by the family of Pte. Walter Ivory from a comrade: - "Words cannot express how much the section has felt the loss of your brother, who as no doubt you have heard, was killed on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. We had just done an attack and were moving a little further forward, when a shell burst just close to him, a piece going through his head, and he was dead in a second and never suffered anything .....I am writing this for all his mates of the section for we had all been together in the same section since before last Xmas, and believe me I have lost one of the best men I ever had on my gun team: he was always willing to do anything or go*



*anywhere with me, and no matter what the conditions were I have never heard him grumble once ... I cannot explain what his loss has meant to all of us."*

**Herts. Advertiser, 7.9.1918:** Pte. W J Ivory

*Mrs A Ivory, of 9 Sandpit Cottages, Hatfield Hyde has been unfortunately bereaved of her son, Pte W J Ivory, Norfolk Regt., who at the age of twenty was killed on August 9<sup>th</sup> at Marlinepoint, near Albert(?)*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Ivory (Mother) of 9 Sandpit Cottages, Hatfield Hyde received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Johnson, George William.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Boulogne Eastern Cemetery**



**Machine Gun Corps**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	JOHNSON, G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Machine Gun Corps.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	02/05/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	147850
<b>Additional information:</b>	Formerly 2334, Herts. Regt.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Died of Wounds
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	1X. B. 25
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: George Johnson, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Death date; 2 May 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Rank: Private, Regiment: Machine Gun Corps, Battalion: (Infantry), Number: 147850, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Front, Comments: Formerly 2334, Herts. Regt.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional information, George joined first the Herts. Regt., No. 2334, later transferred to Northumberland Fusiliers, No. 6096, York & Lancaster Regiment, No. 203192. Last to the Machine Corps No. 147850.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** George, age 6, is living with his parents, George, an agricultural labourer, and Elizabeth and siblings. Father, George, is an agricultural labourer.

**1911 Census:** The family are in Roe Green; George is working as a farm boy.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** List of men mobilised from Hatfield, *Johnson, George - Roe Green - Territorial's.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, June 1918:** Roll of Honour, *Roe Green has again suffered severely, Pte G Johnson having died of wounds on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

The Hatfield War Memorial lists a George William Johnson, but the Army Records, Bishops Parish Magazine, and Roll of Honour Book list a George Johnson

The **MGC** saw action in all the main theatres of war, including France, Belgium, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Salonika, East Africa and Italy. In its short history the MGC gained an enviable record for heroism as a front line fighting force. Indeed, in the latter part of the war, as tactics changed to defence in depth, it commonly served well in advance of the front line. It had a less enviable record for its casualty rate. Some 170,500 officers and

men served in the MGC with 62,049 becoming casualties, including 12,498 killed, earning it the nickname 'The Suicide Club'.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Johnson (Mother) of Chantry Lane received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Kitchener, Cecil.



Hatfield War Memorial



Rawalpindi War Cemetery



Royal Garrison Artillery

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	KITCHENER, C.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Garrison Artillery
<b>Date of Death:</b>	10/10/1918
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	1.A.4
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">RAWALPINDI WAR CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Cecil Kitchener, Death date: 30 Oct 1918, Rank: Lieutenant, Regiment: Royal Garrison Artillery, Type of casualty: Died, Comments: 94<sup>th</sup> Co.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Cecil, age 18, born in Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, is living with his parents and siblings in Newtown Cottages. His Father, Charles (born in Bedfordshire) is working as a railway worker; his Mother's name is Jane. Cecil is working as a railway engine cleaner.

**1911 Census:** Cecil, a private in the Royal Garrison Artillery and billeted in Angle, Pembrokeshire, Wales. The census shows that he had been in the Army for 8 years 3 months, he was single; the census was taken 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second list of men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Kitchener, Cecil. Newtown, Royal Garrison Artillery.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1918:** Roll of Honour, *Another death to be chronicled is that of Lieut. Cecil Kitchener, RGA. Who died of pneumonia at Rawal Pindi on October 30<sup>th</sup>. It is strange and sad that the last death to be chronicled in the month of armistice should have been that of one who by his unaided efforts had risen high in the service, and brought an unsullied honour to his family and birth place. RIP.*

**England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1861-1941:** Will of Kitchener, Cecil of Newtown Hatfield Herts. Lieutenant R.G.A died 30<sup>th</sup> October 1918 at RAWAL PINDI India Administration. London 24<sup>th</sup> January, to Sarah Jane Kitchener Widow. Effects £427.5s.9d.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Kitchener (Mother) of Newtown, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Lancaster, Arthur Charles.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**Brandhoek New Military Cemetery**



**Cheshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	LANCASTER, A. C.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Cheshire Regiment 10 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	30
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11/08/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	8472
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of George and Annie Lancaster of Hatfield Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	V.B.3
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>BRANDHOEK NEW MILITARY CEMETERY</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes  
Spelling on the Hatfield Hyde Memorial – Lankester

**Service Record:** **British Army WW1 Service Records:** Arthur was aged 19 when he joined the Cheshire's on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1907. Father named, George, and Mother, Mary Annie, are living at Wood Hall Lodge, Hatfield. The records show that he received a gunshot wound to the head on 05/09/1916 in France, the medical records and conduct images exist together with images concerned with disposing of Medals to the family.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914-15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** Arthur, age 3, is living with his parents and 3 siblings at Woodhall Lodge. His Father, George, is a domestic gardener and his Mother's name is Mary Anne.

**1901 Census:** The family are still living at Woodhall lodge. Arthur is now working as an errand boy and his Father is a groom/gardener. Arthur now has five siblings

**1911 Census:** Arthur is now in the Military. He is a Private in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Cheshire Regiment and stationed in India.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour- *Arthur C Lancaster Cheshire Regiment ... Much sympathy is felt .....and for the family of Arthur C Lancaster, both of whom have laid down their lives during the past month.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Lancaster (Mother) of Mill Green, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Laughton, Joseph Thornton.



Hatfield War Memorial



St Sever Cemetery Extension Rouen



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	LAUGHTON, J. T.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Second Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	29/09/1918
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Thomas and Beechie Laughton of 16 Lansdown Rd. Bedford
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	S.V.D.5
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">St SEVER CEMETRY EXTENSION ROUEN</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Joseph Thornton Laughton, Death date: 29 Sep 1918, Rank: 2/Lieutenant (T), Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Type of casualty: Died of wounds.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. The card shows that Joseph signed up with the 28<sup>th</sup> London Regiment No. 763750, later was transferred to the Beds. Regt. It gives next of kin as Mrs Laughton (mother) of River View, Whitechurch, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire

[www.bedfordshireregiment.org.uk](http://www.bedfordshireregiment.org.uk): **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion War Diary 27/9/18:** The Battles of the Hindenburg Line - the Battle of the Canal du Nord Beaucamps, Battalion advanced over the top to the attack at 7.52 am & captured part of Beaucamp [sic] Village all objectives taken. During the afternoon German Bombing Party attacked which caused Battalion to draw back to Sunken Road & evacuate the village. Capt H.C.LOE, M.C. [Harold Charles LOE, MC] & 2/Lt. H.HUTCHINSON [Herbert HUTCHINSON] Killed. Capt. R.L. Shaw [Robert Leslie SHAW], Capt & Adj. A.H.O. RIDDELL [Alexander Herbert Oliver RIDDELL], Lt.F.H.MELVILL [Frederick Henry MELVILL] & 2/Lts. W.T.MORRIS [William Thomas MORRIS], **J.T.LAUGHTON [Joseph Thornton LAUGHTON, died on the Ambulance train that day]**, G.W. BLACKWELL [Greville William BLACKWELL] wounded. Other Ranks - 19 Killed, 96 Wounded, 1 Died of Wds. 19 Missing & 1 Wd. & Missing.

### Further Research:

**England & Wales FreeBMD birth index 1837-1915:** Joseph was born in Kensington in 1896.

London England Births and Baptisms 1813-1906: Joseph was baptised on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1896 in the parish of Kensington St Paul. His Father's name is Thomas is working as a butler. Joseph's Mothers name is Beechie.

**1901 Census:** Joseph, age 5, is living with Mother, Beechie (**Born Hatfield Herts.**) at 5, St Marks Grove Kensington. His Mother is living off her own means. There are five boarders living at the address.

**1911 Census:** Joseph, age 15, living as boarder at 67, Pembroke St. Bedford, his occupation is given as Auctioneers Apprentice. Joseph's Mother (widowed) is Cook/servant at 27, Chaucer Rd Bedford.

**England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1861-1941:** Laughton J.T Born 1896 Kensington London, Wills, Laughton J.T of 27 Chaucer Rd Bedford 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion



Bedfordshire Regt. Died 29<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1918 at Rouen France, Administration Northampton 26<sup>th</sup> May 1919 to Beechie Laughton widow, effects £137 19s 5d.

**Ancestry England & Wales Death Index, 1916-2005:** Beechie Laughton, died in Hatfield in 1948 aged 86. The only connection that Joseph had with Hatfield is through his mother who was born in Hatfield.

## Lawrence, George.



**George Lawrence**

[www.veterans.gc.ca](http://www.veterans.gc.ca)



**Canadian Cemetery No 2,  
Neuville- St Vaast**



**Canadian Infantry**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	LAWRENCE, G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Canadian Infantry 75 Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	08/06/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	730278
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Sp. Mem. 7.C.4
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">CANADIAN CEMETERY No 2, NEUVILLE-St VAAST</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** See next page (Full record can be obtained from Library and Archives Canada). From his attestation papers he served for 1 year in the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Territorial Force, prior to signing with the Canadian Infantry with his brother Thomas.

**Medal Card:** Not Known

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** George, age 17, born in Hatfield 28.02.1884, is living with his parents and six siblings at 3, Primrose Cottages; George is working as a labourer. His Father, also called George, is a general labourer. George's Mother's name is Ann.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine April 1917:** 31<sup>st</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield - *George Lawrence, Primrose Cottages, Canadian contingent.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine July 1917:** Roll of Honour: *We have to chronical still further losses among our men from Hatfield. Pt T. Lawrence 75 Bat. A.COY Canadian contingent has been missing since March 1<sup>st</sup>..... We regret to receive the news of the death of Pt. G. Lawrence, Canadian contingent who was killed on June 8<sup>th</sup> while gallantly taking part in a raid on the enemy's trenches, much sympathy goes out to his family in this additional sorrow.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Lawrence (Mother) of 3, Primrose Cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Family Memorial  
St Lukes Cemetery  
P2 8/20



In loving memory.....  
George Lawrence who fell in action in  
France, June 8<sup>th</sup> 1917 aged 33 years

Brother of Thomas Lawrence

(See Attestation Papers next page)

TRIPLICATE

# ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 130278

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

## QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your surname? *Lawrence*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *George*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Kespeeler mt. Herts*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Hatfield, Herts England*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Mrs. George Lawrence*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *No 3 Primrose Cottage - Hatfield Herts England*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Mother*
5. What is the date of your birth? *February 28<sup>th</sup> 1884*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Millhand*
7. Are you married? *no*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? *yes*
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *no*
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *1 year in 1<sup>st</sup> Herts Territorial Force*  
If so, state particulars of former service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *yes*

## DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *George Lawrence*, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

*George Lawrence* (Signature of Recruit)

Date. *Dec 27* 191*5* - *W. W. Milner* (Signature of Witness)

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *George Lawrence*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

*George Lawrence* (Signature of Recruit)

Date. *Dec 27* 191*5* - *W. W. Milner* (Signature of Witness)

## CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named, was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath

before me, at *Kespeeler* this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *Dec* 191*5*.

*Samuel J. J.* (Signature of Justice)

Description of George Lawrence

Apparent Age 30 years. . . . . months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations  
for Army Medical Services.)

Height..... 5 ft. 8 ins.

Chest meas- urement.	{	Girth when fully ex- panded.....	36 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.
		Range of expansion..	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.

Complexion.....dark.

Eyes..... *blue*

Hair.....black

Church of England *Church of England*  
Presbyterian

Methodist.....

Methodist.....

Baptist or Congregationalist.....

Baptist or Congregationalist.....

Roman Catholic.....

den	Roman Catholic.....
	Jewish.....

Jewish.....

Other Denominations.....

Other Denominations . . . . .  
(Denomination to be stated)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

**CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.**

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him\*.....for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date Feb 27 1915

Place..... *Hesperien*

\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

**CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.**

George Lawrence having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

Date Dec 27th 1915 O.C. 11th (South Waterloo) O. S. Battalion, C. E. F. (Signature of Officer)  
Lieut.-Colonel,

## Lawrence, Thomas.



**Thomas Lawrence**  
[www.veterans.gc.ca](http://www.veterans.gc.ca)



**Vimy Memorial**



**Canadian Infantry**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	LAWRENCE, T.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	75 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Canadian Infantry
<b>Date of Death:</b>	01/03/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	730279
<b>Memorial:</b>	VIMY MEMORIAL

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** See next page (Full record can be obtained from Library and Archives Canada). From his attestation papers he served for 2 years in the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Territorial Force, prior to signing up with the Canadian Infantry with his brother George.

**Medal Card:** Not Known

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Thomas, age 14 and born in Hatfield 25<sup>th</sup> March 1887, is living with his parents and six siblings at 3 Primrose Cottage. Thomas is working as a domestic gardener. Father, George, is a labourer; Thomas's Mother's name is Ann.

According to the attestation papers Thomas had married, his wife's name was Emma.

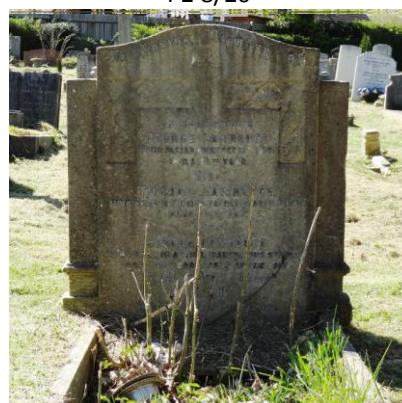
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**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr Herbert Lawrence (Brother) of 3 Primrose Cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Brother of George Lawrence

Family Memorial St Lukes Cemetery  
P2 8/20



In loving memory.....  
Thomas Lawrence who fell in action in  
France March 1<sup>st</sup> 1917 aged 30 yrs.

(See letter and Attestation Papers next page)



3 Krimrose Cottages  
Hatfield Herts  
Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1919.

ackd 10/11/19

Hatfield Peace Celebration Committee

Dear Sirs.

Re - the proposed souvenir. We fully appreciate your gratitude & thank you but I would like to draw your attention to the fact that my brother Thomas has been overlooked. I'll admit that he left his native town just prior to the war but was man enough to join the colours in defence of his old home & unfortunately met his death at the hands of the enemy & I feel sure that his English wife who is now making her home in this country will feel keenly such disappointment. In writing you I'm speaking for the dead with sensitive feelings of honour due to his bereaved. Trusting you don't think me impudent in writing you far from it but I don't believe it's your desire to overlook anyone especially the honoured dead.

N.B. I might add my brother was born in Hatfield & lived the 22 years before his life.

Yours faithfully  
Herbert Lawrence.

Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies

Hatfield, Herts  
Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1919

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NB. I Might add my brother was born in Hatfield and lived here for most of his life.

Yours faithfully  
Herbert Lawrence



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ORIGINAL

# ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 730279  
Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

## QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your surname? *Lawrence*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *Thomas*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Shepperton*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Hatfield Herts England*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Emma Lawrence*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Shepperton*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Wife*
5. What is the date of your birth? *March 25<sup>th</sup> 1887*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Millhand*
7. Are you married? *Yes*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? *Yes*
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *No*
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?  
If so, state particulars of former service. *Squad in 1<sup>st</sup> Herts Territorial Force*
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*

## DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Thomas Lawrence*, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date *Dec 27<sup>th</sup>* 191*5* *Thomas Lawrence* (Signature of Recruit)  
*W Brewster* (Signature of Witness)

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Thomas Lawrence*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

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## CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath

before me, at *Shepperton* this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *Dec* 191*5*.  
*Wm Schmitz* (Signature of Justice)

# Description of Thomas Lawrence on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 25 years. .... months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height. .... 5 ft. 5 ins.

Chest measurement. { Girth when fully expanded. .... 36 1/2 ins.  
Range of expansion. .... 2 ins.

Complexion. .... light

Eyes. .... blue

Hair. .... light

Religious denominations

Church of England Ch. of England

Presbyterian. ....

Methodist. ....

Baptist or Congregationalist. ....

Roman Catholic. ....

Jewish. ....

Other Denominations. ....  
(Denomination to be stated)

## CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date. .... Dec 7 1914

Place. .... Amfeln

\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

W. G. Hutchinson  
Medical Officer.

Note.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

## CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Thomas Lawrence having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

Date. .... Dec 27th 1914

J. J. Delaune (Signature of Officer)  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
600th (South Waterloo) O. S. Battalion, C. E. F.

## Lee, Herbert.



**Tournai Communal Cemetery**  
**Allied Extension**



**Suffolk Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	LEE, H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Suffolk Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	27
<b>Date of Death:</b>	19/03/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	202509
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John Woodmass Lee and Charlotte Lee, of Sidmouth Villa, Worcester Rd, Great Malvern, Worcs.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I.G.6
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#"><b>TOURNAI COMMUNAL CEMETERY ALLIED EXTENSION</b></a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** No

**Service Record:** **UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Herbert Lee, Birth place: Gt. Malvern, Worcester, Death date: 19 Mar 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Piccadilly, Rank: Private, Regiment: Suffolk Regiment, Battalion: 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 202509, Type of casualty: Died, Theatre of War: Western European Front, Comments: Formerly 6099, 64<sup>th</sup> Provl Battn.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** Herbert, age 6 months, is living at the Red Lion Inn, Gt. Malvern Worcester with his Father (listed as the Inn keeper) mother Charlotte and siblings.

**1901 Census:** Herbert, a scholar, is living at Worcester Rd Lodging House, his Father is the housekeeper.

**1911 Census:** Herbert is now living with an Uncle at 61, Rainbow Hill, Worcester, and working as a fitter on the railway.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** An "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album"; had been ordered for the relatives/friends of Herbert Lee; the address given was late Brocket

See letter next page.

The Sun  
Lemsford  
Hatfield  
Herts  
Nov 15. 1919

Dear Sir,

With reference to the "Souvenir"  
Pte William Rhodes 2<sup>nd</sup> Beds Regt. missing  
Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1917. Sanctuary Wood. Flanders.  
He was living with Lord Mount Stephen nine  
years.

Pte Herbert Lee 7<sup>th</sup> Suffolk Regt. died  
prisoner of war at Tournai Belgium on  
March 19<sup>th</sup> 1918. With Lord Mt Stephen about  
16 months before enlistment.

If you consider their parents are entitled to  
souvenirs & forward cards to me I will get  
them filled in.

Yours faithfully

A H Smith

Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies

The Sun  
Lemsford  
Hatfield  
Herts  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1919

Dear Sir,

With reference to the souvenir, Pte. William Rhodes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beds Regt. missing Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, Sanctuary Woods,  
Flanders. He was living with Lord Mount Stephen nine years.

**Pte Herbert Lee, 7<sup>th</sup> Suffolk Regt. died prisoner of war at Tournai, Belgium on March 19<sup>th</sup> 1918 with Lord Mt. Stephen about 16 months before enlistment.** If you consider their friends are entitled to souvenirs & forward cards to me and I will get them filled in.

Yours Faithfully, A. H. Smith

## Loseby, Albert Edward.



Hatfield War Memorial



Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery



Hertfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	LOSEBY, A. E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /1ST Bn. Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Date of Death:</b>	12/01/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	2744
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John Thomas and Fanny Loseby, of White House, Sowley, Lymington, Hants.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	V.E.3
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">VLAMERTINGHE MILITARY CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Albert Edward Loseby, Birth place: Higham, Suffolk, Residence: Hertford, Death date: 12 Jan 1917, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 2744, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Bedfordshire Regiment in the Great War:** 12/01/1917 The Bn relieved the 10th Liverpool Scottish in the WIELTZE sub sector. During the relief the Germans heavily bombarded the front line with Minnewerfen. Our casualties during the relief were 3 O.R. killed and 4 O.R. wounded

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star with Clasp, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** Albert, born 1889, is living with his parents and siblings at the Keepers Lodge, Higham, Suffolk where he was born. Father, John Thomas, is a Head Gamekeeper; Albert's Mother's name is Fanny.

**1901 Census:** Family is now living at the White House, Sowley Hants, Albert is a scholar.

**1911 Census:** Albert working as 2<sup>nd</sup> Footman to James Edward Hubert Gascoigne Cecil, Marquess of Salisbury and living at 20 Arlington Street London.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, *Loseby, Albert Hatfield House - 1st Herts. Territorials.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine February 1917:** Hatfield Roll Of Honour, *Albert Loseby - Killed in Action.*

**England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1861-1941:** Loseby Albert Edward of White House Sowley Southampton, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Hertfordshire Regiment died 12 January 1917 in France, Administration Winchester 11 June to John Thomas Loseby gamekeeper. Effects £145 5s 6d.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Loseby, of The White House, Sowley, Hants, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album.

See letters next page.



White House  
 Sowley  
 Mt. Lymington  
 Hampshire  
 15<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 20

Dear Sir

Your letter to hand  
 dated 13<sup>th</sup> please forward the  
 Souvenir Album to above address.

Yours truly  
 J. S. Loseby

Kindly fill in answers to the following questions:—

Name in full Albert Edward Loseby  
(mention decoration, if any)

Rank & Regiment 1<sup>st</sup> Herts Regt, Private

If "Killed in Action," or "Died," Killed in action  
please state where, and date. Near Ypres, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1917

CHOICE OF SOUVENIR:

You have your choice—let the number you prefer remain and  
 strike out the one you do not want—

(1) In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album in leather  
 or (2) ~~Silver Match Box~~

Return this card early and oblige.

*Mr. Loseby  
 White House  
 Sowley  
 Hampshire*

RECEIVED one HATFIELD SOUVENIR  
 ALBUM.

(Signature) *A. Loseby*



## Mardle, Ernest.



Lemsford War Memorial



Croix-du-Bac British Cemetery,  
Steenwerck



Royal Sussex Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	MARDLE, E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Sussex Regiment 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	29
<b>Date of Death:</b>	01/02/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	G/15596
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of George Henry and Elizabeth Mardle, of Cromer Hyde, Hatfield Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I.D.8
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">CROIX-DU-BAC BRITISH CEMETERY STEENWERCK</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Lemsford War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Ernest Mardle, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Death Location: British Expeditionary Force, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment, Battalion: 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: G/15596, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. From the medal card, Ernest first joined the Herts. Reg. No 4181.

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** Ernest, age 3, with twin brother Charles, is living at Cromer Hyde. Father, George, is an Agricultural labourer; his Mother's name is Elizabeth.

**1901 Census:** Ernest, age 13, is living with his parents and siblings in a Cottage at Cromer Hyde, Father, George is working as a cowman.

**1911 Census:** Ernest, age 23, is working as farm labourer. The family are still at Cromer Hyde

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine March 1917, Lemsford News:** *Private E. Mardle..... Has gone abroad again.*

**Herts. Advertiser, 9.3.1918:** Private Ernest Mardle.

Cromer Hyde soldier killed in France.

*Private Ernest Mardle, aged 29, Sussex Regt., single, who was killed in France on February 1<sup>st</sup>. A twin son of Mr and Mrs George Mardle, Cromer Hyde, near Hatfield, and brother of Mr Harry Mardle, Alexandra Road, St. Albans*

*He joined the army in October 1914, had been in France for over two years and had been twice wounded. His last leave was towards the close of last year and he returned to France on Christmas Day. He was formerly a farm labourer at Water End near Wheathampstead. His younger brother, Bombardier Frank Mardle, Herts. Artillery, was killed in June 1916.*

*Captain Campbell in a letter to the relatives states that Private Mardle was killed instantaneously while he was doing his duty like a good soldier. "I can only state" the writer adds "how much I sympathise with you in your loss and say that both the officers and men feel the same. It may comfort you a little to think that not many can give his life better than your son did and I am certain he gave it willingly in the service of his country".*

Brother of Frank Mardle

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Mardle (Mother) of Cromer Hyde received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Mardle, Frank.



Lemsford War Memorial



Railway Dugout Burial Ground



Royal Field Artillery

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	MARDLE, F.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Bombardier
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Field Artillery D BTY. 5 <sup>TH</sup> Bde.
<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11/06/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	17691
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mrs E. Mardle of Cromer Hyde, Hatfield Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VI. E. 10.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">RAILWAY DUGOUT BURIAL GROUND</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Lemsford War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919:** Frank Mardle, Birth place: Windsor, Berks? Death date: 11 Jun 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: London, Rank: A/BDR, Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal field Artillery, Number: 17691, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.  
(Birth place appears to be wrong)

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Frank, age 10, born in Lemsford, is living with his parents George and Elizabeth and siblings at Cromer Hyde, Lemsford. Father, George is working as a cowman

**1911 Census:** Frank is living at Berkley Gardens, Burton- On- Trent, Staffs. He is working as a Domestic Gardner.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1915:** Lemsford News, War Items. *A very interesting letter from Frank Mardle, R.F.A., appeared in the "St Albans Times" a few weeks back.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1916:** Lemsford News, *A short Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, September 20, in memory of those men belonging to this parish and neighbourhood, who have fallen in the war..... Frank Mardle.....*

### Herts. Advertiser, 24.6.1916: Mardle Funeral

Acting Bombardier F Mardle, R F A - Killed in Action – Eloquent Tribute from Commanding Officer  
*Another member of our "patriotic family" has unfortunately been called upon to make the supreme sacrifice in the cause of right and his friends are left to mourn the loss of one who always had before him a high sense of duty and did not shrink from putting it into effect no matter at what risk. We refer to Acting Bombardier Frank Mardle, of D Battery 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, R F A, son of Mrs Mardle of Cromer Hyde, Hatfield and half-brother of Mr Geo Smart of Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans. It was on Saturday last that Mrs Mardle received the sad news that her son had been killed in action on the morning of Sunday June 11th. The N C O and men of the Battery*

conveyed their sympathy and their regret at the loss of "a good N C O who was liked by the whole of the Battery".

Fuller particulars of the accident and a splendid tribute to the gallantry of Acting Bombardier were contained in a letter received by Mrs Smart from the Officer Commanding his Battery, who wrote: "We are on a part of the front where there has been heavy fighting during the last fortnight. Through it all we have had to shoot the guns and carry ammunition practically all day and night, never getting more than about two or three hours sleep. Practically all the time from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> June the day he was killed your brother did sterling work with never a thought of complaining and setting an example to the rest of the men working his gun which was excellent, and really the work they had to do was more than one was warranted to expect from men. Then, while almost at the muzzle of the gun pieces flew back into the gun pit, two large ones piercing the shield. Your brother was 'laying' at the time and pulled the trigger. The firing of the gun and burst of the shell were practically instantaneous. One large piece went right into the right side of the neck, and he was hit in several other places. He just fell on his back and died within a minute, never being conscious. I am sure he felt absolutely nothing because the expression on his face was so peaceful and quiet. Two other men were wounded at the same time. I have no hesitation in saying your brother was one of the nicest, best and most efficient men in the battery. That's no exaggeration at all. We miss him very much in every way, and I shall find his place very difficult to fill. We buried him in a cemetery just in front of the battery and are making a cross to put up over his grave. I write to you myself, being the officer in command of the action in which Mardle was and beg you to accept on behalf of the other officers and myself and all N C Os and men of the battery our deepest sympathy with you in your loss.

Writing to Mrs Mardle in reference to her son, the Sergeant states "I am very, very sorry to have to write to you about your very brave son, Frank Mardle. He was not only my pal but the most popular man in the whole battery. He died at his post doing his duty which he never failed to do well. I can assure you every man in the battery has the deepest sympathy for you in your great loss. He will be missed by us all."

On the same day as that on which the sad news of Mardle's death arrived Mr Smart received from his half-brother a letter in the course of which he wrote "We are in action again, same place and have had the most exciting time since we came out here. We relieved another battery last Tuesday week and it was fairly quiet until Friday. Fritz started shelling our trenches about nine o'clock last Friday morning and from until about midnight Sunday we were at it night and day. In fact we have not had a decent sleep since, as we have had to replenish our ammunition store in readiness for another attack. We were firing so fast that ammunition had to be brought up in daylight and Fritz was shelling the roads heavily at the time. The shells fell all round us but luckily nobody at the guns was hit. We had two direct on our pit but were so busy sending them over we took no notice at the time. The guns got so hot that the paint peeled off the muzzle. The Germans got into our frontline trenches, but suffered very heavy losses in doing so. Fritz paid very dearly for the little ground he gained and we are still worrying him. I am expecting to be relieved for a rest at the week-end but would rather stay here if there is anything doing.

Brother of Ernest Mardle

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Mardle (Mother) of Cromer Hyde received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Martin, George.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**Air Raid Memorial, London**  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

**CWGC**: No entry

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album**: Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials**: Yes

**Service Record: British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920**: George Martin attested on the 19.11.1914. He was 19yrs old, and his occupation was listed as a cowman and later on as a horse man. His next of kin was Sarah Martin living at Hatfield Hyde. George was 5ft 5inches tall; he had a fresh complexion, with brown hair and eyes. He enlisted at Hertford and was considered fit. On 28.4.1916 he was discharged from the army, no longer physically fit. 29.3.1916 Medical report: Gunshot wound and valvular disease of the heart..... Was hit by a rifle bullet on the right arm just below the elbow, causing a large lacerated wound on the Ulna side. In hospital three or four days after he was put under anaesthetic and bullet removed.....He was about thirteen weeks in hospital, the wound being septic at the time..... The wound healed well leaving a useful arm.....since being wounded he suffers from an impediment in his speech suggestive of aphasia, evidently of nervous origin. He has ?stolic murmur audible at the base of heart. Discharge recommended permanently unfit. Chelsea pension no. 80467/D. Awarded a pension of 12/6d 29.4.1916 -30.10.1917 and 7/-, 29.4.1917-30.10.1917. George Martin killed on 24.9.1917

**Medal Card**: Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census**: George, age 4, is living with his parents William and Sarah and three siblings at Old Chapel Yard Offley, near Hitchin Herts. Father, William is a ploughman on farm and Mother, Sarah is a strawplaiter.

**1911 Census**: George, age 14, is living with his widowed Mother Sarah and Brother, Albert Edward, age 10, at Hatfield Hyde. There is also a boarder living with them.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1914**: Fourth list of men mobilised from Hatfield, *Martin, George Hatfield Hyde, 4<sup>th</sup> Beds Regt.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1915**: Hatfield Roll of Honour, *Wounded.... George Martin.....*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1917**: Obituary: Within the past month there have been called to rest two men who might have been thought to have their life's work still before them. In Edward Horsey and **George Martin** we find the best type of manhood, single minded dutiful sons, who can ill be spared. The former died after a short attack of pneumonia; **the latter was killed at his post during one of the recent air raids on London.**

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger**: Mrs Martin (Mother) of Hatfield Hyde received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Massam, Charles Adam.



Hatfield War Memorial



Bishops Hatfield St Luke's churchyard



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	MASSAM, C. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	21
<b>Date of Death:</b>	22/07/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	20947
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of William and Sarah Ann Massam of Birchwood Cottage, Hatfield Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Plot 1. North of Church Grave 5
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">BISHOPS HATFIELD (St LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Charles Massam, Birth Place: Hatfield, Herts, Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 22 Jul 1917, Death location: Home, Enlistment location: Bedford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 3rd Battalion, Number: 20947, Type of casualty: Died, Theatre of War: Home.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Charles, age 4, is living with his parents William and Sarah Ann and siblings at Birchwood Lodge. Father, William, is a farm foreman

**1911 Census:** Charles, age 14, is working as a Butchers Apprentice. The family are living at Birchwood; they are originally from Kirton, Lincolnshire. Charles was born in Hatfield.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1915:** Eleventh list of men mobilised from Hatfield, *Massam, Charles Adam, Birchwood Cottages, 3<sup>rd</sup> Beds. Regt.*

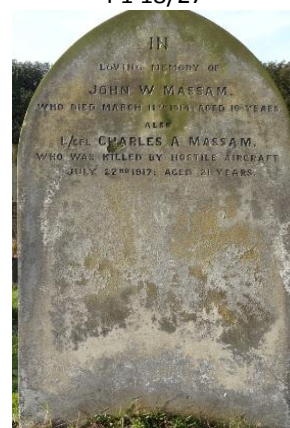
**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine June 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour Wounded Lance Cpl. Charles Massam 4<sup>th</sup> Beds.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1917:** Burials, July 26<sup>th</sup> Charles Massam age 21.

**Wikipedia, 1917 in Aviation:** June 17 – In daylight, 21 German Gotha bombers make Germany's second heavier-than-air bombing attack on England. Seven bombers attack small towns in Kent and Essex and 14 attack London. The bombers kill 162 people and injure 432.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Massam (Mother) of Birchwood Farm Cottages received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album"

Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P1 18/27



In loving memory .....

Also

L/cpl Charles A Massam who  
was killed by hostile aircraft  
(in Felixstowe)



## Matthews, James E.

(or Edward James, or John E.)



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Serre Road Cemetery No 2**



**Grenadier Guards**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	MATTHEWS, J. E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Grenadier Guards 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion
<b>Date of Death:</b>	15/09/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	23450
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	XL.F.6. (Sp.Mem).
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">SERRE ROAD CEMETERY No 2</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** James Edward Matthews, Birthplace: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 15 Sep 1916, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment Location: Hertford, Rank: GDSN, Regiment: Grenadier Guards, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup>, Number: 23450, Type of Casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

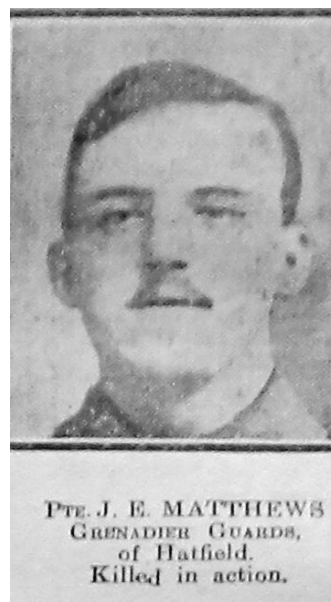
**Medal Card:** In the name of John E Matthews. Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal  
Additional information - G. Gds, Rank: GDSM, Regtl. No. 23450

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** An Edward J Matthews (age 4) is living with parents and siblings in Back Street (North), Hatfield. Father, Thomas, is a general labourer. Mother's name is Elizabeth.

**1911 Census:** – A James E. Matthews, age 16, is living with Father, Thomas, a general labourer, Mother Elizabeth and siblings now at 10, St Peters Cottages. James is working as a stud groom. It is assumed that Edward James & James Edward are the same person.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1915:** Ninth List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *John E. Matthews – Newtown – Grenadier Guards.*



(Herts Advertiser)

**Herts. Advertiser, 4.11.1916:** Private J E Matthews

Private J E Matthews, Grenadier Guards who was killed in action on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> was the third son of Mr and Mrs Matthews of 10 St Peter's Cottages Hatfield. He enlisted on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1915 at the age of 18 years and went to France on April 13<sup>th</sup> this year. He is very much missed by all his comrades as he was so much liked by all of them and was popular with all that knew him. If any of his comrades can give any information Mrs Matthews will be glad to hear from them. Cpl T A Matthews Bedfordshire Regt., second son of Mr and Mrs Matthews is serving in France.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Matthews (Mother) of 10 St Peters Cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

10 Kindly fill in answers to the following questions :—

Name in full *James Edward Matthews*  
(mention decoration, if any)

Rank & Regiment *Private Grenadier Guards*  
*No 23450*

If "Killed in Action," or "Died,"  
please state where, and date *Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 16 Somme*

**CHOICE OF SOUVENIR:**

You have your choice—let the number you prefer remain and strike out the one you do not want—

(1) **In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album in leather**  
or (2) **Silver Match Box.**

Return this card early and oblige.

Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies

## Monk, Henry J.



Hatfield War Memorial



Carnoy Military Cemetery



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	Monk, H. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	18/09/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	14548
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	0.2.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">CARNOY MILITARY CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

James Harry Monk

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

Harry James Monk

**Service Record: Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Henry James Monk, Birth Place: Hatfield, Herts, Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 18 Sep 1915, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire, Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Number: 14548, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** (Henry Monk) Awarded the 1915 Star Victory Medal, and British War Medal.

Additional information -1/Bedf R., Pte., Reg. No. 14548

[www.bedfordshireregiment.org.uk](http://www.bedfordshireregiment.org.uk): **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion War Diaries 18.9.1915:** (Morlancourt). All water, stores, meals & c. have to be carried distances varying from 1/2 mile to 1 mile, by hand. Combined with the length of trenches to be guarded, this fatigue work leaves very few men available for the urgent alterations required in the defences & throws a severe strain on all ranks. Casualties - 1 Killed. 1 Wounded

### Further Research:

**Eng & Wales Christening Records 1530-1906:** Henry James Monk was christened in Hatfield on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1891.

**1901 Census:** Henry J Monk, age 10, is living with his parents and siblings at Warren Wood, Essendon. Father, Henry G Monk, is a domestic gardener. Henry's Mother's name is Jane.

**1911 Census:** Henry's family are living at Hornebeam Lane, Warren Wood, Essendon. Father now called George Henry Monk, still working as a domestic gardener. Cannot find any record of Henry J Monk.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Harry Monk* – Warren Wood – 4<sup>th</sup> Beds Regt.

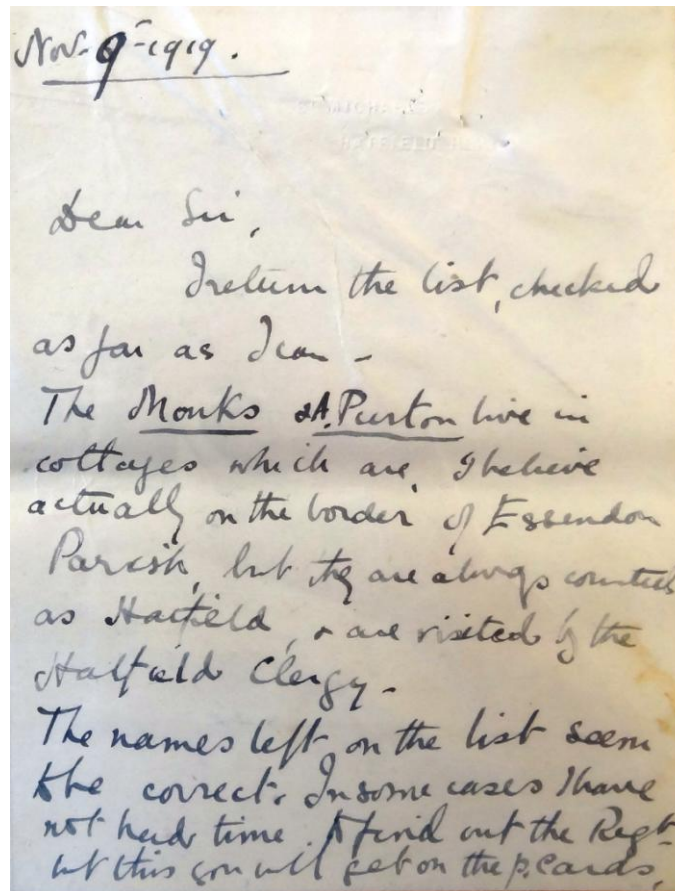
**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine August 1915:** *written by Harry telling of the death of Lieut, Rupert Cecil.....A mine has just blown a part of our trench up and killed several men, also Lieut. Cecil, whom we are all sorry to lose; it gives us a shaking.....I must tell you we have been relieved from the trenches so I write a bit more; we are ten or twelve miles back now; it is a treat to see people again; I expect we shall have a good rest this time. I am glad to get away from that place. It is a pity we lost so many just before we came away, from that mine, it was the worst one they had ever fired against us, it blew the ground up hundreds of feet high, as that went off they fired shrapnel for an hour: that is how Lieut. Cecil got killed, a piece catching him through the head; he had still got his smile when we buried him.....*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1915:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *Harry Monk*. – We regret deeply to announce that Harry Monk, from Warren Wood, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Beds. was killed on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. His parents received a letter from his, a stretcher-bearer, giving the sad news and showing how he was killed almost instantaneously as he was on outpost duty in the middle of the night. He died doing his duty, and nothing greater can be said of any man. We venture to express warm sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Monk who are so sorely afflicted in their loss of a son who was most dear to them, and who was a gallant enthusiastic soldier, thinking nothing of hardships, only of his duty.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Monk (Mother) of Warren Wood received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Letter from volunteer co-ordinator to the Committee.

Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies



Nov 9-1919.

Dear Sir,

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as far as I can -

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## Moore, Robert William.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Tyne Cot Memorial**



**Border Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	MOORE, R. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Border Regiment 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	02/12/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	33754
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 85 to 86
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">TYNE COT MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Robert William Moore, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Roe Green, Hatfield, Death date: 2 Dec 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Rank Private, Regiment: Border Regiment, Battalion: 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 33754, Type of Casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: Formerly 178397, R.F.A.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

Additional information - Royal Field Artillery, Reg. No. 178397, L'Pool R. Reg. No. 5334, Bord. R., Pte. No. 33754

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Robert W Moore, age 10, is living with his parents and siblings at 147 St Albans Road, Newtown, Hatfield. His Father, Alfred Moore, is a carpenter. His Mother's name is Elizabeth.

**1911 Census:** Robert, aged 21, is still living with his family, now at, 3 Albion Terrace, New Town, Hatfield. Robert is now working as a wood sawyer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, March 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *Wounded slightly – R. W. Moore – 1<sup>st</sup> Border Regiment.*

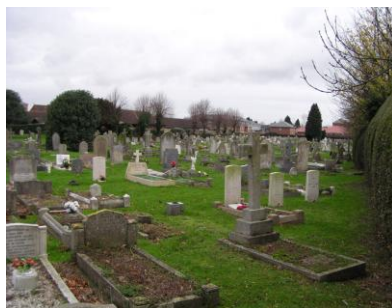
**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, April 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *We regret to announce that Gunner R.W. Moore of Roe Green has been posted missing for sometime past and our sympathy goes out to his wife and all his relations in their suspense.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Moore (Widow) c/o Mr Moore Flint Cottages, Newtown, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Munday, James.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Bishops Hatfield St Luke's Churchyard**



**Essex Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	MUNDAY. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Essex Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	37
<b>Date of Death:</b>	18/03/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	30320
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	2.1.19.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>BISHOPS HATFIELD (St LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: James Munday, Birth place: Hatfield Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 18 Mar 1917, Death location: Home, Enlistment location: St Albans, Rank: Private, Regiment: Essex Regiment, Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Number: 30320, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of war: Home.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

Family Memorial, St Luke's Churchyard  
P2 2/14

### Further Research:

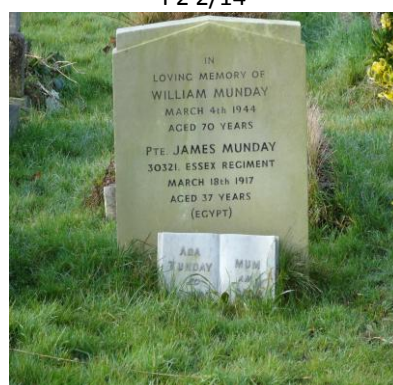
**1891 Census:** There is a James Munday, age 8, living with his parents Jas. and Charlotte and siblings, including a brother named William, who is 18, a similar age to the William on the family headstone. The family are living at Butterwick Cottages Smallford in the parish of St Peter's.

**1901 Census:** James, age 18, now an agricultural labourer is still living with his family at Smallford. His Father is now a platelayer on the G.N.R. railway. On this census James's Father is said to have been born in Hatfield, not St Peter's.

**1911 Census:** James, age 28, is living with his widowed Mother in Smallford. He is still a general labourer. There are two boarders living at the same address, both at school.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, April 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – James Munday - 1<sup>st</sup> Essex Regiment.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** James Munday is listed as not a Hatfield man; his widow had remarried, living at Ellenbrook.



In loving memory.....  
Pte James Munday  
30321 Essex Regiment  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 1917  
Aged 37 years  
(Egypt)



## Nason, Frederick George.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Tyne Cot Memorial**



**Dorsetshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	NASON, F. G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Dorsetshire Regiment 5 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	34
<b>Date of Death:</b>	16/08/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	202784
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of George and Mary Nason, of Church Lane, Ettington, Warwickshire; husband of Mary T. Nason, of Ground Lane, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 92
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">TYNE COT MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Frederick George Nason, Birth place: Ettington. Warwick, Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 16 Aug 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: St. Albans, Herts., Rank: Private, Regiment: Dorsetshire Regiment, Battalion: 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 202784, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre of War, Comments: Formerly 7257, Bedfordshire Regiment.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** Frederick George Nason, age 7, is living with his parents and siblings at Eatington /Ettington, Warwickshire. Father, George Nason, is working as a domestic groom/coachman. Mother's name is Mary Ann.

**1901 Census:** Frederick, age 16, is still with his family in Eatington/Ettington. His Father is still a coachman. Frederick's occupation is not listed.

**1911 Census:** A Frederick George Nason, aged 26, born in Ettington, is living at 65, Grange Rd., Kings Heath, Worcestershire, working as a domestic gardener. His wife is named Mary Jane they have been married for one year

**England & Wales, FreeBMD Marriage Index: 1837-1915:** A Frederick George Nason is married in Hatfield in the Apr-May-June quarter of 1910

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1916:** Twenty Third List of men Mobilised from Hatfield – Nason, Frederick George – Ground Lane – 3/5<sup>th</sup> Beds Regt.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – Killed – Frederick Nason – Dorset Regt. Mrs Nason had received the following letter from the Officer commanding her husband's company:- "It is with the very deepest regret that I am writing to inform you of the death of your husband. He was killed, whilst we were forming up for the attack, in the early morning of Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup>. His death was absolutely

*instantaneous, and he did not suffer any pain at all. Your husband was an excellent soldier, and both we officers and the men all thought well of him. We buried him on Friday afternoon near where we buried several of his comrades; prayers were read over his grave and a cross was put up to his memory. Your husband died doing his duty and his loss will be deeply felt by all his comrades.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Nason (Widow) of Ground Lane, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
SP 11/4



In loving memory....  
also Frederick George Nason  
who fell in war August 1917  
( visible at base of gravestone)

## Newman, Frederick.



Hatfield War Memorial



Loos Memorial



Royal Fusiliers

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	NEWMAN, F.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Fusiliers 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	27/09/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	15054
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 25 to 27
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">LOOS MEMORIAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919 – Frederick Newman, Birth Place: St Luke's, Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 27 Sep 1915, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Stratford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), Battalion: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Number: 15054, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.  
Additional information Killed in Action 27/9/1915

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** A Frederick Newman, age 8, born in St Luke's, London is living with parents, brother and two boarders at 26, Powell St, Finsbury, London. (Civil Parish of St Luke's). Father, John, is a Police Sergeant at the Central Meat Market. Frederick's Mother's name is Maria.

**1911 Census:** A Frederick Newman, age 18, born in St Luke's, London, is living at 38 Peartree St, E.C. Holborn (Sub Reg., District St Luke's). Frederick is an assistant French polisher, in the furniture trade, to the head of the household John Charles Harding who is also a French Polisher.

Also in the **1911 census** John Newman (Frederick's father) is now living with his wife Maria, a daughter and a younger son at **Mill Ward Park Cottages, Hatfield**. He is now a police pensioner, Caterer. His wife and daughter are assisting in his business.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1915** – Hatfield Roll of Honour – *Killed in Action -.....Frederick Newman.....Frederick Newman, Royal Fusiliers, of the Rookery, fell in the battle on September, he came from India to go to the Front and was home for a time last February with frost-bitten feet; he rejoined his Regiment later, and alas was killed in the advance at the age of 23. All sympathy to his parents who mourn his gallant and untimely end. May he and other Hatfield heroes rest in peace.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Newman (Mother) of The Rookery received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album"

## Nicholson, George Edgar.



Hatfield War Memorial



South African  
Mounted Rifles

CWGC: No Entry

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

Service Record: Union of South African Military Papers (see next page) – No. 2004, late rifleman G.E. Nicholson, attested in the Cape Mounted Police, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1905. He died at 1.45pm on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1918, from a short illness at Obobogorop, South Africa. His Father, Samuel Nicholson, living at the **Great Northern Hotel, Hatfield, Herts.**, was informed of his death. George was about 40 years of age.

### Medal Card:

### Further Research:

**1881 Census:** A George E. Nicholson, age 18mths, was living with his Father Samuel and Mother Martha at South Cliffs, Christchurch, Bournemouth. Samuel Nicholson was a lodging house keeper. There were also five domestic servants living at the address.

**1891 Census:** George E. Nicholson, age 11, was living with his parents and siblings at the Old Vicarage (?) Conservative Club in the civil parish of All Saints, Hertford. Samuel Nicholson was now a club steward.

**1901 Census:** A Samuel & Martha Nicholson and a younger son are now living at the **Salisbury Arms Temperance Hotel, Hatfield, Herts.**, along with three servants and a boarder. Samuel is listed as a Temperance Hotel keeper. Cannot find a listing for George Edgar Nicholson.

**1911 Census:** A Samuel and Martha Nicholson are living with one boarder at 5 Port Vale Terrace, Hertford. Samuel is listed as a retired hotel keeper.





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2004/S/6  
Reg. No.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA UNIE VAN ZUID-AFRIKA

UNION DEFENCE FORCES.  
UNIE VERDEDIGINGSMACHT.TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "PERMFORCE."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADRES:  
P.O. BOX No. 435.  
POSTBUSHeadquarters, Permanent Force (South African Mounted Riflemen),  
Hoofkwartier, Staande Macht (Zuidafrikaanse Bereden Schutters),

29th May, 1918

Pretoria.

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The Secretary for Defence,  
(Staff Branch),  
PRETORIA.

In reply to your minute No.D.Q. 3/30652 of the 28th instant, I have the honour to state that No. 2004 late Rifleman G.E. Nicholson having been attested in the Cape Mounted Police on the 21st September, 1905, he would, for pension purposes have come under Act 12 of 1832 Cape of Good Hope.

Brig.-General

ACTING INSPECTOR-GENERAL: PERMANENT FORCE (S.A.M.R.)

C/Adek



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D.O.B/30652

THE CHIEF PAYMASTER AND ACCOUNTANT.

It is notified for your information that No.2004 Rifleman George Edgar Nicholson, 5th Regiment, S.A.M.B., died at Obobogorop on the 24th April, 1918

The Staff Officer, S.A.M.B., has been requested to submit retirement forms in this connection as early as possible.

T.A.S

CLERK I/C STAFF BRANCH.

PRETORIA.

29th April, 1918.

JH/GJ

Mr. Poingdestre.

To note please.

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1/5/18.

*[Handwritten signature and date]*



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P.O. Box No. 435  
Pretoria

Headquarters, Permanent Force (South African Mounted Riflemen),  
Hoofdkwartier, Staande Macht (Zuidafrikaanse Bereden Schutters).

**URGENT.**

Pretoria, 26th April, 1918. 191

The Secretary for Defence,  
(Staff Branch),  
P R E T O R I A.

I have the honour to request  
that Samuel NICHOLSON, Great Northern Hotel, Hatfield, Herts.  
England, may be advised by cable that his Son, No. 2004  
Rifleman George Edgar NICHOLSON, 5th Regiment, South  
African Mounted Riflemen, died after short illness at  
1/45 p.m. on the 24th instant, at Obobogorop.

*Reunard*

Brig.-General,

ACTING INSPECTOR-GENERAL: PERMANENT FORCE (S.A.M.R.).

C/H.

## Osborn or Osborne, Stephen H. DCM.



The Distinguished  
Conduct Medal



Tyne Cot Cemetery!



The Hertfordshire  
Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	OSBORNE, S. H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Sergeant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion
<b>Date of Death:</b>	28/10/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	265405
<b>Additional information:</b>	Awards: D C M
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	LV.C.24
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">TYNE COT CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Stephen Harold Osborne – Birth Place: New Barnet, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 28 Oct 1917, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Herts., Rank: Sergeant, Regiments: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 265405, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre, Comments: D.C.M.

### **National Roll of the Great War. 1914-1918 Section V. Luton:**

Osborn, S. H. (D.C.M.) Sergeant. 1<sup>st</sup> Hertfordshire Regt. – Mobilised on the outbreak of hostilities, he was shortly afterwards drafted to France. He was in the retreat from Mons and in the Battle of Ypres and took part in other important engagements, including those on the Somme and at Ypres, Passchedale, Vimy Ridge and St Julien. He was awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty in the field at St Julien in July 1917. He was killed in action on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1917 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypres. He was also entitled to the Mons Star and the General Service and Victory Medals.

1, Chapman Terrace, Hatfield.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal, and British War Medal.

Additional information – DCM, Herts. R. Regtl. Nos. 2358 & 265405

### **Distinguished Conduct Medal:** (From Wikipedia)

The Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) was (until 1993) an extremely high level award for bravery. It was a second level military decoration awarded to other ranks of the British Army and formerly also to non-commissioned personnel of other Commonwealth countries.

The medal was instituted in 1854, during the Crimean War, to recognize gallantry within the other ranks, for which it was equivalent of the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) awarded for bravery to commissioned officers, but the DCM ranked well below the DSO in precedence.

Although considered to be the army's second ranking gallantry award, the DCM was almost always seen as a "near miss for the VC". From 1942, members of the Navy and Air Force were entitled to the award.

In the aftermath of the 1993 review of the honours system, as part of the drive to remove distinctions of rank in awards for bravery, the DCM was discontinued (along with the award of the DSO specifically for gallantry

and of the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal). These three decorations were replaced by the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, which now serves as the second level award for gallantry for all ranks across the whole armed forces. Bars were awarded to the DCM in recognition of the performance of further acts of gallantry meriting the award. Recipients are entitled to the post-nominal letters DCM.

**Herts. Advertiser, 29.9.17: Decorations for Hatfield Soldiers:**

*Mr & Mrs F Osborn of New Town have received news that their third son, Stephen, of the Herts. Reg. has been awarded the D C M for bravery in action at St Julien on July 31<sup>st</sup>. In a very modest letter to his parents telling them of his "luck", he says. "When all the officers had fallen our wounded RSM handed over the remnants of the Battalion to me. I being the only Sgt left in the firing line at the time". Osborn brought this gallant remnant back to safety. Sgt Osborn joined the Herts. Regiment in 1904 and went out with it in Nov. 1914 and has been in every engagement the regiment has fought and fortunately came through without a scratch.*

**Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** A Stephen H Osborn(e), age 2, is living with parents and siblings at 412 Ashford Villas, Barnet. His Father, Frederick A Osborn(e) is a postman. His Mother's name is Mary A Osborn(e).

**1901 Census:** Stephen H Osborn, age 12, is living with his family at 3 Henry Pl. Barnet. His Father, Frederick (W) Osborn, is now a bookmaker/shopkeeper (employer).

**1911 Census:** A Stephen H. Osborn, age 22, is living at 22, Union Lane, Hatfield and working as a general labourer, he has been married for one year. Stephen is listed as grandson to the head of the household, Joseph Collarbone, aged 83, a general labourer. Also living with them is Eva Agnes Osborn, married for one year and listed as granddaughter to Joseph Collarbone. Stephen & Eva are married to one another. Stephen's parents & siblings are also now living in Hatfield, at Higgs Cottages, Newtown, Hatfield.

**All England & Wales, FreeBMD Marriage Index: 1837-1915:** A Stephen H Osborn & Eva Agnes Warner are listed as being married in the Jan/Feb/Mar 1910 qtr. at Hatfield.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** 1<sup>st</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – Osborne, S. – Halls Yard – Territorials.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1917:** *We have the pleasure in announcing.....that Sergeant Stephen Osborn, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regt. has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *So shortly after announcing the honour gained by Sgt. Stephen Osborne, D.C.M., we have to announce his death as killed in action in France on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The following letters received by his widow bear out the testimony of his Officers, the opinion which his friends had long since formed of him:-*

*France, 6-11-17*

*"Dear Mrs Osborne,*

*It is with deep regret that I have to write this letter to you, but I feel it my duty to write on behalf of my comrades and self to express to you our heartfelt sympathy in your great loss. I have personally known Sergt. Osborne for the last three years and must say that I have never known a better Sergt. and comrade than he. I hope that it will be some small consolation to you to know that he died as he had lived doing his duty bravely with his face to the foe. We all miss him very much and I know everyone must do who had come in contact with him. As you must know he was thought of very highly of by every officer N.C.O. and man in the Regt. Trusting that God will be with you and comfort you in your great trouble. Believe me yours sincerely*  
*G. Northrope, Compy. Sgt. Major, No 1 Company.*

*B.E.F., France. Nov 1*

*"Dear Mrs Osborne,*

*I write to you to extend to you the very deepest of my sympathy from the bottom of my heart in your great loss, namely your Husband who died from a wound from a machine gun on the night of Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. It is one of the greatest blows I have received since I have been out here, he was my Platoon Sergt. and was quite invaluable in his position, and his D.C.M. was earned many times over. I was not with him when he was hit I am sorry to say as I was not with my Platoon being in charge of the Company. Your Husband and I spent many hours together and he never failed in the lines or out of it and was Platoon Sgt., and I took more interest in his men as regards to their comfort and efficiency in every way. I always felt confident with the Platoon in his hands. What you must feel, as I do, is the hard luck after his long time out here, and I know what sorrow has*



*come into his family since the war broke out.....No man could have died a finer death, your Husband did not suffer and died half an hour after his wound, and you can be assured everything in our power was done for him, and never a complaint came from his lips.....*

*Yours sincerely*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Hinchley, Herts. Regt."*

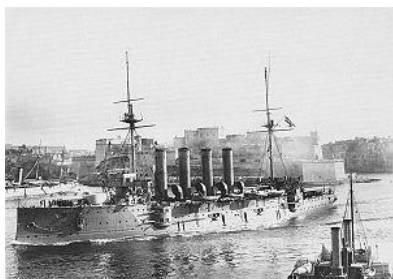
**Herts. Advertiser, 10.11.17:**

*It is unofficially reported that Sgt S Osborne of the Herts. Regt. who was awarded the D C M for gallantry on Jul 31 has died from wounds in action on Tuesday of last week.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir, Committee Ledger:** Mrs Osborn (widow) of Halls Yard, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Page, David.



**H.M.S Aboukir**



**Portsmouth Naval Memorial**



**Royal Marine  
Artillery**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PAGE, D.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Gunner
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Marine Artillery H.M.S." Aboukir"
<b>Age:</b>	30
<b>Date of Death:</b>	22/09/1914
<b>Service No:</b>	RMA/10386
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of William and Caroline Page, of Astwick Manor, Whitegate, Hatfield, Herts
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel Reference 5
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Royal Navy and Royal Marine War Graves Roll, 1914-1919: David Page, Rank: Gunner, Birth date: 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1883, Birth place: Stapleford, Hertford, Branch of Service: Royal Marine Artillery, Cause of death: Killed as a result of enemy action, Official number port division: R.M.A/10386. (Po), Death date 22 Sept 1914, Ship or unit: HMS Aboukir, Location of grave: Not recorded, Name and address of cemetery: Body not recovered for burial relatives notified and address: sister: M, Whitegate, Astwick Manor Hatfield, Herts.

**National Roll of the Great War, 1914-1918, Section V. Luton:** Page, David, Private. Royal Marine Light Infantry. He was mobilised in August 1914 and was posted to H.M.S. Aboukir, losing his life when the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine off the Hook of Holland on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1914. He was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, General Service and Victory Medal.  
6, Union Lane, New Town, Hatfield.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** A David Page, age 7, born in Stapleford Herts. is living with Father, William, Mother, Agnes and siblings at Green's Farm, Sandridge, St. Albans. Father, William worked as an Agricultural labourer.

**1901 Census:** David, age 17, is still living with family now at Whitegate Cottages, Astwick Manor, Hatfield. His Father is now working as a farm carter. David is working as a railway engine -?-.

**1911 Census:** A David Page (aged 27, born Stapleford) is now a Gunner in the Royal Navy, on board HMS Black Prince, 1<sup>st</sup> class armoured cruiser, stationed at 5<sup>th</sup> Cruiser Squadron, Atlantic Fleet, Gibraltar.

David's family are still living at Whitegate Cottages. Father, William is now a horse keeper. His Mother's name is listed as Agnes **Caroline** which would tie in with the CWGC information.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Page, D. White Gate – H.M.S. Aboukir.* **Also** - Hatfield Roll of Honour – *"We hear with the deepest concern that gunner D. Page of White Gate. Who was in H.M.S. Aboukir is not on the list of the saved from the ill fated cruiser. We wish to express our deepest sympathy and that of all who know him with Mr Page and his family on their*

*grievous loss. They must. Indeed, in the midst of all their sorrow feel unbounded pride in his gallant devotion to his King and Country even unto death"*

See article [www.ourhatfield.org.uk](http://www.ourhatfield.org.uk)

**Hatfield Parish Council, Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Page (Mother) c/o Mr Rolls, Union Lane, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Family memorial St Luke's Cemetery  
P1 19/23



Sacred to the memory of.....  
Also of our dear brother David Page who was lost at sea with the sinking of HMS Aboukir off the Hook of Holland on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1914 aged 31 years



Newtown & Roe Green Memorial  
St Luke's Church



HMS Aboukir Shield

## Page, Ernest James Augustus.



**Ernest James A. Page**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Sucrerie Cemetery,**  
**Ablain-St Nazaire**



**Royal Engineers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PAGE, E. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Engineers No. 4 Special coy.
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	24/03/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	130687
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John and Mary Page, of 1, Gracemead Cottage, Newtown, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	III.D.5
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#"><b>SUCRERIE CEMETERY, ABLAIN-ST NAZAIRE</b></a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes  
D.O.D. in Album 24 March 1917

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Ernest John Page, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts, Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Date of death: 24 Mar 1918, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment Location: Hertford, Rank: L/Corporal, Regiment: Corps of the Royal Engineers, Number: 130687, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre, Comments; 4<sup>th</sup> Spec. Coy., R.E.

**Medal Card:** Awarded Victory Medal and British War Medal.  
Additional information - R.E. No. 103687, Herts. R. No. 5699

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** An Ernest Page, aged 5, is living with his family and siblings at 7, Ford Villas, Finchley, Middx. Father, John, is a signal linesman. Mother's name is Mary.

**1911 Census:** Ernest, aged 16, born in Finchley, Middx., is working as a domestic houseboy. He is still living with his family, now at 1, Gracemead Cottages, Newtown, Hatfield. His Father, John, is a signal fitter on the railway.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1915:** Sixteenth List of Men Mobilized from Hatfield – Page, Ernest – Gracemead Cottages – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regt.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – Mrs Page, the news of her son's death arriving too late for insertion in our last issue, allows us to print the following appreciation from his commanding officer.



Newtown & Roe Green Memorial  
St Luke's Church

*"France 23/03/1918"*

*"Dear Mrs Page, - Please accept my own and the Section's most sincere sympathy on the loss of your son. During the time that I have been in command of 43 Section I have learned to rely on him as a trusty N.C.O. and in him the Section loses one of its oldest members and a trusty comrade under all circumstances. Words I know seem idle at a time like this, but I hope it will help you in your grief to know how much I and his old friends in the section thought of him and how greatly we feel his loss. I am thankful to say we were able to bring his body back from the line and bury him in a Cemetery where you may rest assured that all of us will do all in our power to keep the grave well cared for. Once again offering you my most sincere sympathy, believe me.*

*Henry E. Hart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., R.E."*

**Herts. Advertiser, 13.4 .1918:** Lance Corporal Ernest J Page

*Much sympathy goes out to Mr and Mrs Page, Gracemead Cottages, Newtown, Hatfield, who have been called upon to endure the loss of a second son, Lance Corporal E J Page, R E. who fell in the terrific fighting of the last few days. The CO of his section wrote of him 'I had learned to rely on him as a most trusty NCO and in him the section has lost one of its oldest members and a most trusty comrade under all circumstances. We were able to bring his body back from the line and bury him in a cemetery where you may rest assured that all of us will do all in our power to keep his grave well cared for.'*

Brother to John Charles W Page

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Page (Mother) of 1 Gracemead Cottages received a Silver Matchbox.



## Page, John Charles William.



**John Charles Page**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Delville Wood Cemetery,  
Longueval**



**Hertfordshire  
Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PAGE, J. C. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	21
<b>Date of Death:</b>	20/07/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	265542
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John and Mary Page of 1, Gracemead Cottage, Newtown, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	XII.E.2
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">DELVILLE WOOD CEMETERY, LONGUEVAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919 - Charles William Page, Birth place: Finchley Middx. Residence: Hatfield Herts., Date of death: 20 Jul 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 265542, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal, and British War Medal.

Additional information – Herts. R. Pte. No 2602 & No 265542. Mrs M. Page applied for clasp 17.05.1920.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** John Page, age 6, is living with his Father, Mother and Siblings at 6, Ford Terrace, Finchley, Middx. Father, John, is working as signalman linesman. His Mother's name is Mary.

**1911 Census:** John, age 17 and born in Finchley, was still living with his parents and siblings, now at 1 Gracemead Cottage, Newtown, Hatfield. John was a lad porter with the railway company. His Father was working as a signal fitter with the railway.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1915:** Extracts from Letters from the Front

June 19<sup>th</sup> 1915

....I was pleased to hear about Sergt. Lomax, I hope the report is right he will be the first Territorial N.C.O. to get the V.C. I heard that six of our chaps have been recommended for the D.C.M. for the last affair, the three who got them the other day, got them for the job at the brickfields when Sergt. O'Leary of the Irish guards got his V.C. I hope they got them we can do with a few D.C.M. men in our regiment and



**Newtown & Roe Green  
Memorial  
St Luke's Church**



*D.S.O.s too as the officers deserve something as well as the men. We have got, up-to-date, four D.C.M.s and I hope before the war is over we shall get a few more.....*

*John Page*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Page, J. – Gracemead – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Territorials.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *Missing – John Page, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts., attached to 10<sup>th</sup> Essex Regt.*

*"The Missing – Words cannot express how much warm feelings there is for the parents of the "missing". Mr and Mrs. V. Austen, Mr and Mrs. Page, and Mr and Mrs. Panter. One realises what the anxiety must be while waiting for news. We pray with them that his longed-for news may soon come, and they may yet hear that their sons are safe and sound,"*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1916:** *"Relatives of the four "missing" Hatfield soldiers, Private Austin, Page, Panter and Skeggs, still maintain their courage and hopefulness, but it is an agonising time for them*

**Herts. Advertiser report, 12.5.1917:**

*NINE MONTHS OF SUSPENSE: On July 20<sup>th</sup> 1916 Pte John Charles William Page of the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regt, attached to the 10<sup>th</sup> Essex Regiment was reported missing. After nine months of anxiety and suspense his mother has received from the War Office that her son was killed on that date.*

**Brother of Ernest James Augustus Page**

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Page of 1 Gracemead Cottages, Hatfield received an "in Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Pallett, John Wallace.



Hatfield War Memorial



Bethune Town Cemetery



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PALLET, J. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Sergeant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	15/04/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	16271
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VI.D.21
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">BETHUNE TOWN CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** John Wallace Pallett, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 15 Apr 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Rank: L/Sergeant, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 8<sup>th</sup>, Number: 16271, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal, and British War Medal.

[www.bedfordshireregiment.org.uk](http://www.bedfordshireregiment.org.uk): **8<sup>th</sup> Battalion War Diary 15 Apr 1917.** [Comment: The Battle of Hill 70] In trenches between VERMELLES - GRENAY in Bde Reserve. At noon orders issued for battn to attack in conjunction with 1/The Buffs. Battn moved up to south of LOOS under heavy hostile barrage and finally occupied position in prolongation south of LOOS CRASSIER. C & A Coy firing line, B & D in Support. Casualties 28 O.R. wounded.

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** John Wallace Pallett, aged 6, is living with his Father, James, Mother, Margaret, and seven brothers and sisters in Park Street, Hatfield. Father James is a post carrier.

**1901 Census:** John, age 16, is still with his family, now living at Glebe Cottages. John is working as a grocers(?) carman. His Father is still a letter carrier.

**1911 Census:** John, age 26, is still with parents, one sibling and a boarder at 11 Glebe Cottages. He is now a fish dealer. His Father is a pensioned postman, G.P.O.

Family Memorial St Luke's  
Churchyard  
WP 26/5



In loving memory.....

Also Sergt. John Wallace Pallett, Bedfordshire Regt., who died of wounds received in France, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1917, aged 32 years, These words were written in his notebook after being wounded, Goodbye-Mother & Father from Walley

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *J. W. Pallett* – *Wild Hill* – 3<sup>rd</sup> Beds Regt.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *Killed, John Pallett, Bedfordshire Regt.*  
*"Our very deep sympathy with the relatives and friends of the brave men above who have fallen in the service of their King and Country."*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs James Pallett (Mother) of Wild Hill received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Panter, Gordon M.



Hatfield War Memorial



Thiepval Memorial



14<sup>th</sup> London Scottish Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	Panter, G. M.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	London Regiment (London Scottish)
<b>Age:</b>	19
<b>Date of Death:</b>	01/07/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	5311
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Albert E. and Ada Elizabeth Panter of 2, Glebeland, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 9C and 13C
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</b>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Gordon Malcolm Panter, Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 1 July 1916, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: London, Rank: Private, Regiment: London Regiment, Battalion: 14<sup>th</sup> (County of London) Battalion, Number: 5311, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional information: Regtl No. 5331 and Regtl. No. 511692.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Gordon Malcolm Panter, age 4, is living with his Father, Mother and brother at G.N. Station House, Hatfield. His Father, Albert E, was working as a railway clerk. His Mother's name was Ada.

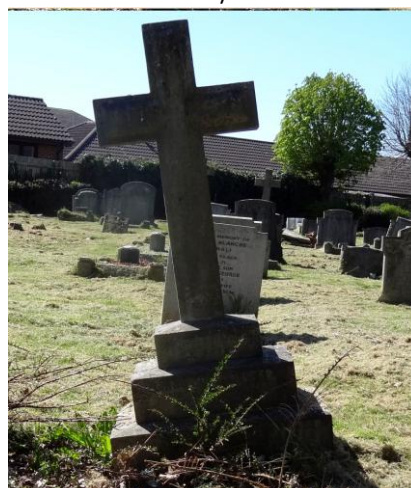
**1911 Census:** Gordon, age 14, and still at school, is still living with his family, now at Beaconsfield Terrace, Hatfield. His Father is still working as a railway clerk.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1915:** Fifteenth List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield –Panter, Gordon Malcolm – Beaconsfield Terrace – 14<sup>th</sup> London Scottish Regiment.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – Missing- Gordon Panter – 14<sup>th</sup> London Scottish.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1916:** " *The Missing – Words cannot express how much warm feeling there is for the parents of the "missing", Mr. and Mrs. V. Austen, Mr and Mrs. Page, and Mr. and Mrs. Panter. One realizes what the anxiety must be while waiting for the news. We pray with them that this longed-for news may soon come and that they may yet hear that their sons are safe and sound*"

Family Memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P2 2/27



In loving memory.....  
Also Gordon Malcolm Panter,  
London Scottish Regt.,  
k.i.a. July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916 aged 19

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1916:** *The relatives of the four "missing" Hatfield soldiers Privates, Austin, Page, Panter and Skeggs, still maintain their courage and hopefulness, but it is an agonising time for them.*

**Herts. Advertiser, 29.7.1916:** Panter, & Austin News

*Missing – Privates **Gordon Panter** of the London Scottish and Vincent Austin of the London Rifle Brigade have been notified as missing since July 1<sup>st</sup>. **The former is the younger son of Mr A Panter of Beaconsfield Terrace and organist at Lemsford Church.** The latter is the only son of Mr Vincent Austin, Vine Cottage Newtown, a member of the Hatfield Parish Council*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Panter (Mother) of 15, Beaconsfield Terr., Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Parker, William Cecil.



**Newtown & Roe Green  
Memorial  
St Luke's Church**

(Under the name of Cecil Parker)



**Plymouth Naval Memorial**



**HMS Defence**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PARKER, W. C.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Leading Signaller
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Navy H.M.S. Defence
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Date of Death:</b>	31/05/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	216680
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of William George and Lois Parker, of Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 13
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL</a>

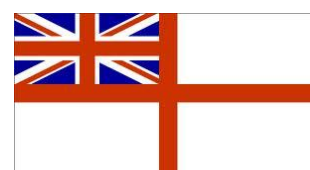
**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Royal Navy and Royal Marine War Graves Roll, 1914-1919: William Cecil Parker, Rank: Ldg Sig, Birth date: 5 Jan 1886, Birth place, Hatfield, Herts., Branch of Service: Royal Navy, Cause of death: Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action, Official number port division: 216680. (Dev), Death date: 31 May 1916, Ship or unit: HMS Defence, Location of grave: Not recorded, Body not recovered for burial, Relatives notified and address: Mother: Lois, Newtown, Hatfield, Herts.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

**HMS Defence** was a Minotaur-class armoured cruiser built for the Royal Navy in the mid-1900s. She was the last armoured cruiser built for the Royal Navy. She was stationed in the Mediterranean when the First World War began and participated in the pursuit of the German battle cruiser SMS Goeben and light cruiser SMS Breslau. Defence was transferred to the Grand Fleet in January 1915 and remained there for the rest of her career. Defence was sunk on 31 May 1916 during the Battle of Jutland, the largest naval battle of the war. Escorting the main body of the Grand Fleet, the ship was fired upon by one German battle cruiser and four dreadnoughts as she attempted to engage a disabled German light cruiser. She was struck by two salvos from the German ships that detonated her rear magazine. The fire from that explosion spread to the ship's secondary magazines, which exploded in turn. There were no survivors. (Wikipedia)



**Royal Naval Ensign**

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** A William C Parker, aged 3, was living with his Father, William G Parker, Mother, Lois Parker and younger sister at Newtown Cottages, Hatfield. Father, William was working as a carpenter.

**1901 Census:** William, aged 13, is still living with his family and siblings in Newtown, St Albans Rd., Hatfield. His Father is a carpenter (G.N.R).

**1911 Census:** Can only find William's Father on the 1911 census. William G Parker is still a carpenter, living in Newtown with only a daughter Lily Agnes listed. His wife is not listed

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** First List of Men Mobilized from Hatfield – *Parker, Cecil* – Newtown – *On H.M.S. Defence.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine Jan 1916:** Letters from the Front – *"H.M.S. 'Defence' Dec 21 1915*  
*I am afraid this Xmas-tide will be a very dull one, especially here, as we can do nothing else but treat it as an ordinary day, excepting in our thoughts; we must think of home and the dear ones we are out to protect from the fiendish Hun. I really wish I could write a nice letter, but besides the censor not allowing any interesting articles to leak out, I am a very poor letter writer, but suffice it to say, I am very proud to have the pleasure of saying that I am one of a good many thousands who are keeping the seas clear of the Hun, thereby greatly assisting our fellow service (the Army), though we should be better satisfied if they would come out of Fleet Street (Kiel Canal) and give us what we have been waiting so long for. 'a good fight,' and though we are termed the silent Navy, there is nothing on this earth that is so active, including, of course, the sea in the word 'earth.' There are things taking place every day all for the benefit of the country which must be kept secret from our public to prevent our enemies from knowing; and, as a parting word, if only our public could be made to see and think it over that their food which they consume every day has to be escorted safely into port by 'Our Silent Navy,' I don't, think they would worry so much about us, thereby disturbing the gentlemen who 'pull the strings.' Now I must close this short note, hoping the best of health is being enjoyed by all. I should like to send my best wishes for a happy Xmas and bright and prosperous New Year and the best of luck to all the boys of Hatfield serving the colours.....*

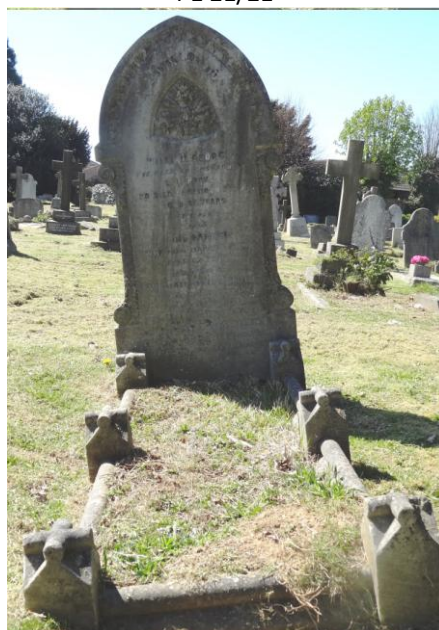
*William C. Parker, Leading Signaller*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine July 1916:**

Hatfield Roll of Honour – *Killed in Action – Cecil Parker.*  
*Though our great naval victory thrilled every breast with pride in the achievements of our splendid Navy when once the full value of their triumph was properly understood, yet there are, alas, many sad hearts breast of those they loved well by the loss of the "Defence" the "Queen Mary" and other ships. Amongst the bereaved, for whom very great sympathy is felt is Mrs Panter of Newtown whose gallant son Cecil went down in H.M.S. "Defence". We quote a private letter lately received to show how fine a deed was shared in by all on board this ship. "News comes in from various quarters telling of the splendid conduct of those three small ships the "Defence" "Black Prince" and "Warrior". The Flag-Ship "Defence" went knowingly – leading the way- to almost certain destruction to save a critical situation. This they achieved before the two former ships sank. I do not know whether all the details will appear, but this is what happened". – Is not such a death worthy of all thankfulness? May the sad Mother and sisters be helped to feel it so.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Parker (Mother) of St Albans Rd., Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Family Memorial  
St Luke's Church  
P1 21/21



In loving memory.....  
also their son William Cecil Parker  
lost on the HMS Defence at the  
Battle of Jutland May 31<sup>st</sup> 1916  
aged 28 years

## Parrott, Frederick Arthur.



Hatfield War Memorial



Bellacourt Military Cemetery,  
Riviere.



Sherwood Foresters,  
Notts & Derby Regt.

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PARROTT, F. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
<b>Age:</b>	26
<b>Date of Death:</b>	04/10/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	5119
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John and Jane Parrott of 6. Salisbury Square, Hatfield, Herts
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I.A.2
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>BELLACOURT MILITARY CEMETERY, RIVIERE</b>

Hatfield in Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920:** Frederick Arthur Parrott was 25years 6mths old when he enlisted at Bury St Edmonds, Suffolk. He had been employed as a groom, gardener. He was 5ft 6inchs tall and deemed fit. Frederick was home 14.3.16 – 10.6.16. Embarked at Southampton, and disembarked at Rouen to join his unit in the field. He was killed in action 4.10.16. Personal effects were sent to his Mother, Mrs Jane Parrott, who was listed as next of kin. see Mothers letter on receipt of Frederick's effects next page.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victor Medal and British War Medal.

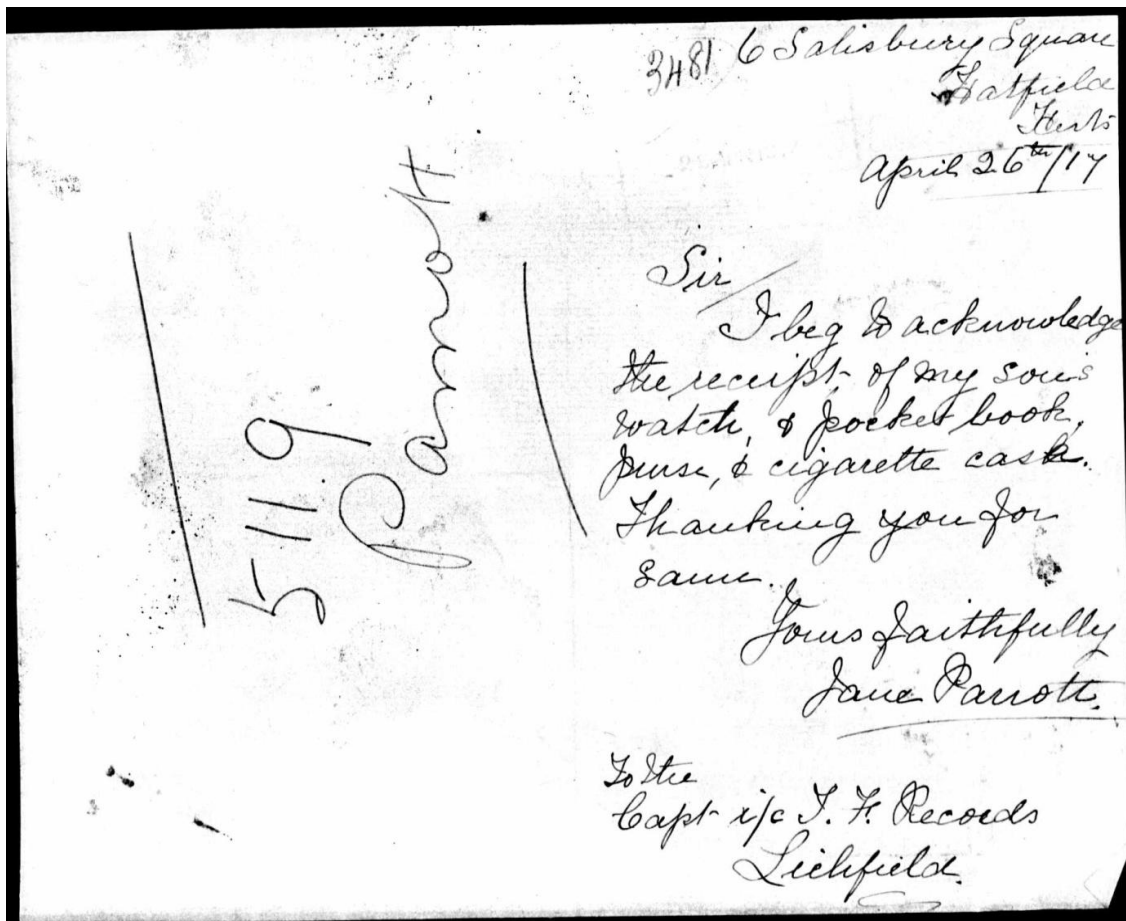
### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** – Frederick Arthur Parrott, aged 9, is living with his Father, Mother and siblings in Salisbury Square, Hatfield. His Father, John, is working as a roadman for the County Council. His Mother's name is Jane.

**1911 Census:** Frederick, aged 20, is still living with his family in Salisbury Square. He is now working as a groom, gardener. His Father is now working as a G.N.R. labourer servant.

Brother of Herbert James and William John Parrott

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs J. G. Parrott (Mother) of Glebeland, Salisbury Sq. Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



6 Salisbury Square  
Hatfield  
Herts  
April 26<sup>th</sup> /17

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of my son's watch, & pocket book, purse & cigarette case.  
Thanking you for same

Yours faithfully  
Jane Parrott

To the  
Capt i/c F. Fr. Records  
Lichfield

## Parrott, Herbert James.



Hatfield War Memorial



St. Vaast Post Military Cemetery



Machine Gun Corps

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PARROTT, H. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 199 <sup>th</sup> Coy.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	02/07/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	55720
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	IV. J. 1.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">St. VAAST POST MILITARY CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Herbert James Parrott, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 2 Jul 1917, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Rank: Private, Regiment: Machine Gun Corp, Battalion: (Infantry), Number: 55720, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre. Comments: Formerly 29588 Bedfordshire Regiment.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** A Herbert Parrott, aged 15, is living with Father, Mother and siblings at 6 Salisbury Square, Hatfield. Herbert is working as a general labourer. His Father, John, is a roadman with the County Council. Mother's name is Jane.

**1911 Census:** Herbert, aged 25, is still living with his family in Salisbury square. He is now working as a woodman for the Marquis of Salisbury. Father, John, is now a servant labourer with the G.N.R.

**All England & Wales, FreeBMD Marriage Index: 1837-1915:** A Herbert J Parrott married a Rosa Mardling in the last quarter of 1912 at Hatfield.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine:** July 1916 – *Herbert Parrott – Pond Hill – 4<sup>th</sup> Beds Regt.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine:** August, 1917 – Hatfield Roll of Honour – *Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of Herbert Parrott, Herbert Beech and Charles Massam, in the loss which both they and their country have sustained in their death. This is the third member off the Parrott family who has given his life for his country.*

Brother of Frederick Arthur & William John Parrott

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Herbert Parrott of Chantry Lane, Hatfield, card not returned.



## Parrott, William John.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Bishop's Hatfield, St Luke's**  
**Churchyard**



**Royal Engineers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PARROTT, W. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Sapper
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Engineers
<b>Age:</b>	39
<b>Date of Death:</b>	08/06/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	86431
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John and Jane Parrott, of 6, Salisbury Square, Hatfield: husband of Fanny Maria Parrott, of 42 Stonecross Rd., Hatfield
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	1.I.18
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>BISHOPS HATFIELD (St LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: William John Parrott, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 8 Jun 1915, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Spr, Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers, Number: 86431, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of war: Western European Front, Comments: Formerly 7731, Beds Regt. 173<sup>rd</sup> Tunn. Coy., R.E.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional information: 2/Bedf. R. Pte. 3/7731, R.R. Spr. 86431/

### **Further Research:**

**1881 Census:** A William John Parrott, aged 5, is living with his Father, Mother and younger sister in Union Lane, Hatfield. Father, John, is working as a Railway Labourer. Mother's name is Jane.

**1911 Census:** William John Parrott, aged 35, is now married to Fanny Maria. They have two children, a boy and girl both under the age of 3. They are living at Ellenbrook, Nr. St. Albans, Herts. William is working as a horse driver at the Hatfield Golf Club.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine July 1915:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – Died of Wounds – William Parrott, "Deep sympathy is felt for Mrs. Parrott, the widow of Private Parrott, who died of his



(Herts. Advertiser)

severe wounds on June 8<sup>th</sup>, in St Thomas' Hospital; for some time hopes were entertained of his ultimate recovery, though amputation of his leg was deemed necessary to save his life, but he was too weak to undergo such an operation and gradually sank. Earnest condolences are offered to his wife, father, mother and all the family"

**Herts. Advertiser, 26.6.1915: Military Funeral**  
*Sapper William John Parrot, of the 173 Company of the Royal Engineers, whose home is in New Town, Hatfield, was so badly wounded during the repairing of the trenches on Hill 60 that after lingering on for some time in St Thomas's Hospital, London, he died on June 6<sup>th</sup>. He leaves a widow and four children. He was buried with full military honours at Hatfield by the 1/11 Battalion London Regiment. The cortege moved off from Hatfield Station at 1.30 in the following order: - The Firing Party under Sergt. Carter, the Band and bugles, under Bugle Major Rose: and a large detachment under Sergt. Sayer. The Band rendered during the march the "Dead March" in "Saul" and the hymn tune "Abide with me". Then followed the coffin with eight pall-bearers, and mourners. Mrs Parrot (widow) was supported by Mr G Parrot (brother), deceased's mother and father, Mr and Mrs Bert Parrot, Pte Charles Parrot of the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regt., Mr Farmer, Mrs G Parrot, Mr and Mrs Tyler, Mrs Littlechild, Mrs Overington, and a few other close friends.*

*The route from the station to the cemetery was lined with friends and members of the 1/10<sup>th</sup> London and 1/11<sup>th</sup> London Regiments. Upon reaching the church, Canon the Rev. Lord William Gascoyne-Cecil M A held a short service, assisted by the Rev. G F Baxter, M A. The procession was then re-formed for the last journey to the grave. The Rev. Lord William Cecil carried out the last rites, delivering a short address to the mourners, which was followed by three shots being fired over the grave by the firing party and the "Last Post" was sounded by the buglers of the 1/11<sup>th</sup> London Regt. There was a wreath in the form of a large glass globe through the efforts of Mrs Lawrence – Mrs W J Parrot and the family hope that all kind friends will accept their heartfelt thanks for the great kindness and sympathy shown to them during their bereavement.*

Commonwealth War Grave  
 St Luke's Churchyard  
 P1 26/19



86431  
 Sapper W. J. Parrott  
 Royal Engineers died  
 June 16<sup>th</sup> 1915 aged 39 yrs.

Brother of Frederick Arthur and Herbert James Parrott

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir ledger:** Mrs William Parrott, (Widow) of Halls Yard, Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Payne, James.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Thiepval Memorial**



**Rifle Brigade**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PAYNE, J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Sergeant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Rifle Brigade 13 <sup>th</sup> Bn
<b>Date of Death:</b>	10/07/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	S/3963
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 16B and 16C
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield and St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

Hatfield War Memorial and In Memoriam Book: Sergeant James Payne of the **Royal Berkshire Regiment**. There is no matching CWGC entry, but there is an entry for a Sergeant James Payne of the **Rifle Brigade** with same date of death.

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: James Payne, Birth Place: Little Wymondley, Herts., Residence: **Hatfield, Herts.** Date of death: 10 Jul 1916, Death locations: Flanders & France, Enlistment Location: Charing Cross, Middx., Rank: Sergeant, Regiment: Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own), Battalion: 13th, Battalion number S/3963, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

**Further Research:** Cannot find a match for James Payne on the census and there is no mention of a James Payne in the Bishops Hatfield Parish Magazines

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** An "In Memoriam Roll of Honour Album" was ordered for the relatives/friends of James Payne; address given, **formerly Roe Green**, relative of the Hipgrave family.

## Peart, Harold.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**



**Bagneux British Cemetery**



**New Zealand Machine Gun Corp.**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PEART, H.
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	New Zealand Machine Gun Battalion
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Date of Death:</b>	31/08/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	40460
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Isaac William & Annie Lydia Peart
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VI.E.13
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt.</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial:** Yes

**New Zealand War Graves Commission:** Harold Peart, Lance Corporal, serial no. 4060, first known rank – private, occupation before enlistment – Freezer, next of kin – Isaac Thomas Peart(brother) 7 Park Street, Southwark, London S.E. England, body of embarkation – New Zealand Expeditionary Force, embarkation unit – 24<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements Specialist Company, Machine Gun Section, embarkation date & place – 26<sup>th</sup> April 1917, Wellington New Zealand, vessel –Pakeha, destination – Plymouth, England, place of death France, died of wounds.

### **Medal Card:**

### **Further Research:**

**1891:** Harold, age 2, is with his Mother Annie L. Peart at his Grandfather's house, Thomas Osborn or Ostrom, in Islington, London.

**1901 Census:** Harold, age 12, is living with his brother, Isaac, in Islington. His brother is a dairyman.

**1911 Census:** A Harold Peart, age 20, is living as a boarder at 6a Kingston St. Regents Park, London. He is working as a butcher.

Harold left for New Zealand, 18<sup>th</sup> September 1914, occupation butcher.

The only connection to Hatfield appears to be through a relative, James Peart, a farmer, who in 1911, age 62 is living at Woodhall Farm, Hatfield Hyde.



## Pegram, Arthur Robert.



Hatfield War Memorial



White House Cemetery  
St Jean-Les-Ypres



Royal Irish Rifles

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PEGRAM, A. R. H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Rifleman
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Irish Rifles 10 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	19
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11/08/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	42174
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Albert Robert and Bertha Emily Pegram, of Batterdale, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	III. E. 9
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">WHITE HOUSE CEMETERY, St JEAN-LES-YPRES</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Arthur Robert Pegram, Birth place: Hatfield Herts., Death date: 11 Aug 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Herts., Rank: Rifleman, Regiment: Royal Irish Rifles, Battalion: 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 42174, Type of Casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: Formerly M/225260. R.A.S.C.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**England & Wales Christening Records, 1530 – 1906:** Arthur Robert Horatio Pegram was born on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1897. Christened on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 1898 at Essendon, Hertfordshire.

**1901 Census:** Arthur, age 3, is living with his parents, Albert and Bertha and siblings, in Batterdale, Hatfield. Father, Albert, is working as a joiner (estate) carpenter.

**1911 census:** The family are still living in Batterdale. Arthur, age 13, is at school. Father is still a joiner carpenter.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine,** February 1917: 29<sup>th</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Pegram, Arthur – Batterdale – Rifle Battalion.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine,** September 1917: Hatfield Roll of Honour – *Arthur Pegram – Kings Irish Rifles.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Pegram (Mother) of Batterdale, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Penn, Walter Norman.



Hatfield War Memorial



Gorre British and Indian Cemetery



King's Own Royal  
Lancaster Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PENN. W. N.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) 1st/4 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	25/03/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	22677
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mrs. A. Wright, of 19, Harrow Rd., Leytonstone. London
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VI. C. 5
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">GORRE BRITISH AND INDIAN CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: William Norman Penn, Birth place: Little Heath, Herts., Date of death: 25 Mar 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), Battalion: 1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Number: 22677, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal

### Further Research:

**England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index, 1837-1915:** Walter Norman Penn, Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1886, Registration District: Hatfield, County Hertfordshire.

**London, England, Births and Baptisms 1813-1906:** Walter Norman Penn: Estimated birth date, abt. 1886. Baptism date: 24 Oct 1886. Father: Joseph Goss Penn, Mother: Eliza Anne Penn. Parish: Potters Bar, St John the Baptist. Borough: South Mimms.

**1901 Census:** Walter Norman Penn, age 14 and born in Potters Bar, is living as a boarder at 3 North Road, Hatfield, with David and Albina Johnson. He is working as a farm labourer. David Johnson also works as a farm labourer.

**1911 Census:** Walter is still living at 3 North Road with David and Albina Johnson. He is now listed as a nephew to Mr and Mrs Johnson. Walter is still working as a farm labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine:** January 1916 – Penn, Walter – North Road – 2/12<sup>th</sup> Suffolk Rgt.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine:** May 1918 – ....of the men whose conduct was "Simply superb" we have to mourn the loss of Private Walter Penn 4<sup>th</sup> K.O.R. Lancaster Regt. who had been as a son all his life to Mr & Mrs Johnson of North Road.....

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Johnson (Aunt) of North Rd. Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Perkins, William Joseph.



Hatfield War Memorial



Montay-Neuvilly Road Cemetery,  
Montay



Middlesex Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PERKINS, W. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Middlesex Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion
<b>Age:</b>	27
<b>Date of Death:</b>	24/10/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	PS/2230
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Henry and Emma Perkins of Westfield Lodge, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II.D.11
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>MONTAY-NEUVILLE ROAD CEMEMTERY, MONTAY</b>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920:** William Joseph Perkins, family lived at Westfield Lodge, Hatfield, William according to his army record was born in Luton, Bedfordshire. He enlisted into the Public Schools Battalion, Middlesex Regt. on 25/5/1915 aged 22yrs 10mth, at Woldingham, Surrey. William was 5ft 10inches tall, 11st. 5lbs. with good physical development, he had been vaccinated as a child and had a scar around his neck from a childhood operation. Next of kin was his Father Henry Perkins, also mentioned were William's four sisters, Florence 21, Hilda 19, Winifred, 14 & Doris 10. William was educated at an Industrial School under Home Office or local Government Board. On enlisting William's rank was a Private, he was appointed Lance Corporal 6/6/1916. William was wounded in action 1/7/16 and was sent to home to recover. While at home he caught influenza but recovered to return to France at the end of 1916. He returned home once more between 30/6/1918 – 30/9/18. William died 24/10/18. William's father received his medals and effects. A letter was sent to his father explaining the need to exhume and move his body to Montay-Neuvilly Road British Cemetery (See next page)

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** A Henry and Emma Perkins are living at Denham Stables, West End, Totteridge. Henry is a domestic coachman. They have 4 children, Mary aged 10, William, aged 8, Florence aged 3 and Hilda aged 1. William was born in Markyate, Herts

**1911 Census:** At this date William aged 19 is not living with his parents, but is employed as a footman at, 7 Carlos Place, W. London, Mayfair/Knightsbridge. This William was born in Markyate, Beds. His parents Henry and Emma Perkins are now living at Hertingfordbury. Henry is still a domestic coachman. They have 4 daughters living with them, Florence aged 12, Hilda aged 11, Winifred aged 6, and Doris aged 2.

There are discrepancies between William's army record and the census information as to where William was born and the ages of his sisters.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr Perkins (Father) of Westfield Lodge received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album". (See page 208)

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INFANTRY RECORD OFFICE,  
HANWELL, W.7.  
2nd July, 1920.

Mr. H. Perkins.  
Westfield,  
Hatfield, Herts.

Sir,

The late No. 2230. L/Cpl. W.J. Perkins,  
1st Batta. Middlesex Regiment.

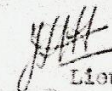
I have to inform you that, in accordance with the agreement with the French and Belgian Governments, to remove all scattered graves, and certain small cemeteries, which were situated in places unsuitable for permanent retention, it has been found necessary to exhume the bodies buried in certain areas, and to re-inter them. The body of your son, the above named soldier, has, therefore, been removed to the Cemetery described below.

MONTAY NEUVILLY ROAD BRITISH CEMETERY, 1½ MILES NORTH OF  
LE CATEAU.

The necessity for the removal of the body is much regretted, but was unavoidable, for the reason given above. The work of re-burial has been carefully and reverently carried out, special arrangements having been made for the appropriate religious services to be held.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Lieut. for Colonel  
i/c Infantry Record Office, Hanwell.

MX/F/11159

Infantry Record Office  
Hanwell, W.7.  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 1920

Mr Perkins  
Westfield Lodge  
Hatfield, Herts  
Sir,

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1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Middlesex Regt.

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Montay Neuilly Road British Cemetery, 1½ miles north of  
Le Cateau.

The necessity for the removal of the body is much regretted, but was unavoidable for the reasons given above. The work has been carefully and reverently carried out, special arrangements for appropriate religious services to be held.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant  
Lieut. For Colonel  
i/c Infantry Record Office, Hanwell.



26 Nov. 1919

Westfield  
Hatfield

ackd. 28/11/19  
Souvenir Committee

Dear Sir

Referring to the circular signed by you on behalf of the Souvenir Committee of the Peace Celebrations Committee, I write to inform you that Mr Perkins of Westfield Lodge the next of kin of William Joseph Perkins appears to have been overlooked.

The Perkins family came to live in the parish in their present house in April 1915 - William Joseph

Westfield  
Hatfield

26 Nov 19

Dear Sir

Referring to the circular signed by you on behalf of the Souvenir Committee of the Peace Celebrations Committee, I write to inform you that Mr. Perkins of Westfield Lodge the next of kin of William Joseph Perkins appears to have been overlooked.

The Perkins family came to live in the parish in their present house in April 1915 - William Joseph Perkins enlisted in the 16<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Regt. in May or June 1915 and was killed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1918, & therefore I take it his next of kin are entitled to receive the souvenir.

I am

Yours faithfully

W.J. Halsey?

A. Whitby Esq.

Perkins enlisted in 16<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Regt. in May or June 1915 and was killed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1918, & therefore I take it his next of kin are entitled to receive the souvenir.

I am.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Halsey.

A. Whitby Esq.

Send a card  
sent 11/1/20

Kindly fill in answers to the following questions:—

Name in full Perkins Wm Joseph  
(mention decoration, if any)

Rank & Regiment Lt Col 1 Batt Middlesex

If "Killed in Action," or "Died," Killed in Action at  
please state where, and date Le Cateau 24 Oct 1918

CHOICE OF SOUVENIR:

You have your choice—let the number you prefer remain and strike out the one you do not want—

(1) In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album in leather  
~~or (2) Silver Match Box~~

Return this card early and oblige.

Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies

## Phillips, Hubert H.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Merville Communal Cemetery**



**Leicestershire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PHILLIPS, H. H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Leicestershire Regiment 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn. attd. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	04/10/1915
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	V.B.20.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>MERVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Hubert Henry Phillips, Death date: 4 Oct 1915, Rank: Lieutenant, Regiment: Leicestershire Regiment, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Type of Casualty: Died of wounds, Comments: Att. 3<sup>rd</sup> B.

**London Gazette 8<sup>th</sup> September 1914:** Hubert Henry Phillips 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Hubert (Herbert on census) age 7, is living with parents, William and Madeline Phillips and siblings in Newtown, St Albans Road, Hatfield, (by Union Lane). Father, William, is an insurance clerk.

**1911 Census:** Hubert is still living with his family, now at Rosebank, Chantry Lane, Roe Green, Hatfield. Father, William, is now a principal clerk in life insurance office.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – Phillips, Hubert, Lieut. – Roe Green – 3<sup>rd</sup> Leicestershire Regiment.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1914:** Hatfield Roll of Honour - Lieutenant Hubert Philips.....has been wounded.....Lt. Philips is at Boulogne Hospital.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1915:** Hatfield Roll of Honour– Died of wounds Lt. Hubert Philips. Since our last issue, we have to mourn the loss of Lieutenant Hubert Philips.....Hubert Phillips was wounded earlier in the war and went out again in the summer to rejoin his regiment. He was dangerously wounded in the advance of September 25<sup>th</sup> and was taken to a hospital in France where, to the lasting grief of his parents and family he succumbed to his wounds. Great sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Phillips over the loss of their gallant son, always distinguished in work and play throughout his schooldays and every inch a soldier during his brief span of military service.

[www.ourhertfordandware.org.uk](http://www.ourhertfordandware.org.uk) : Hubert Henry Philips 1893-1915. Hubert attended Hertford Grammar School from 1905-1912. He was Captain of cricket and football, and was also Head Boy. His father was a clerk. He lived at Roe Green, Hatfield. He left school to become an accountant. He was a Lieutenant in the 7<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment. Hubert died of wounds on active service at Loos, France, on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1915, aged 22. He is buried in the Merville Communal Cemetery, France, Plot 5, Row B, Grave 20.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Phillips (Mother) of Rosebank, Roe Green, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Plume, Frederick W.



Hatfield War Memorial



Tyne Cot Memorial



Machine Gun Corps

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PLUME, F. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 54 <sup>th</sup> Coy.
<b>Age:</b>	27
<b>Date of Death:</b>	12/10/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	71084
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Edward and Emma Laura Plume, of Banningham, Aylsham, Norfolk.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 154 to 159 and 163A
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">TYNE COT MEMORIAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920:** Frederick William Plume enlisted in Hertford 4/09/1914. He originally joined the Bedfordshire Regiment, no. 14596. Then he was transferred to the Machine Gun Corp, no 71084. William was, 23yrs 10mths old when he enlisted. He had been living at Wildhill, Woodside, Hatfield, but had been born in Bedon, Suffolk. His trade was a groom/gardener. He was in good health with brown eyes and light brown hair. William had previously served for 2yrs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Norfolk Regt. William was attested a Private on 04/09/1914 and posted on 09/09.1914. He did not seem to settle to army life. During 1916 he was admitted several times to the field ambulance but each time returned to duty. On 04/09/1916 he was granted a Class 2 proficiency badge and in Dec 1916 was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps. William was on leave in UK between 06/01/1917 and 16/01/1917. On 20/06/1917 William was on a charge and deprived of a day's pay for having a dirty canteen on inspection. William was killed in action 12/10/17. Medals and effects were sent to his next of kin, his parents, Edward & Emma Plume of Rose Cottage, Banningham, Aylsham, Norfolk.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** Fred William Plume, age 4mths, is with his parents Edward and Emma at Valley Cottages, Coleman's Farm, Kirby Bedon, Norfolk. Father, Edward, is working as a groom.

**1901 Census:** Fred William Plume, age 10, is now living with his parents and siblings at Church Rd. Colby Norfolk.

**1911 Census:** A Fred William Plume, age 20, is now living away from his family at Bedwell Park, Essendon. This Fred William Plume is said to have been born at Bungay, Suffolk not Bedon, Norfolk

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour: *We regret to announce the death of Frederick Plume who worked in Campfield Gardens till war broke out.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** An "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album", had been received c/o Mrs Valentine living at Wild Hill.

## Pollard, Thomas David.



**Thomas David Pollard**  
(From family archive)



**Loos Memorial**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	POLLARD, T. D.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Date of Death:</b>	25/09/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	13430
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Henry and Rose Pollard, of Wild Hill, Hatfield, Herts
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 41
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">LOOS MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Thomas David Pollard, Birth Place: Hatfield, Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 25 Sep 1915, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Number: 13430, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Thomas, aged 10, is living with his parents, Henry and Rose Pollard and siblings at Wild Hill, Hatfield. Father Henry is an ordinary agricultural labourer.

**1911 Census:** Thomas, aged 20, is still living with his family at Wild Hill. Thomas is now a cowman. Father, Henry, is now working as a woodman and his Mother, Rose is listed as a char-woman.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield. *Thomas Pollard – Wild Hill – 3<sup>rd</sup> Beds Regt.*

**Letter sent to Parents, Henry and Rose Pollard:** (From family archive)

2<sup>nd</sup> Beds Regt.

Grenade Section

Dearest Mother,

*Just a line to let you know that I am still well and am hoping this will find you all at home in the best of health.*

*Hope Dad is still able to continue his work. I have not yet received your parcel Lizzie said she sent.*

*I don't expect we shall have the opportunity of writing again for a few days but if I can I will. I hope Emily has been to see you again, she told me she would.*

*I heard from Harry Monk he is still alright. There is not many of us left here from around home and Welham Green now. They are home again wounded, lucky to be slight wounds and to get out of it.*

*I hope you have received my letters.*

*Please remember me to Mr Spencer and tell him I will write at the first opportunity.*

*I had a nice letter from Mr Gravestock last week.*

*Well dear Mother and Father I often think and wonder when or whether I shall have the luck of coming back again to see you all, which I am hoping every day to do so, but never mind only time will tell.*

*The weather here is splendid, plenty of fruit this season.*

*Well I must close wishing you all the best of luck and health, hoping to hear from you soon.*

*With best of love*

*From your loving son Tom xxx*

(Lizzie – sister, Emily – fiancé. Harry Monk – a friend, he did not survive the war)

**Bishop's Hatfield parish Magazine, July 1915:** Extracts from Letters from the Front.

*May 1915,*

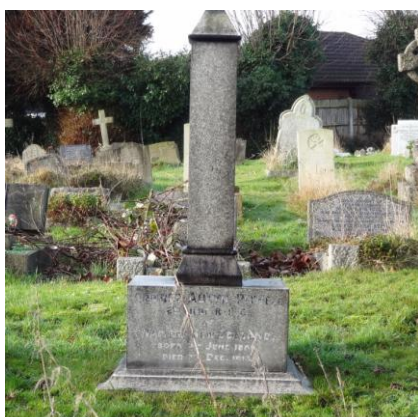
*I hope you all enjoyed yourself at Whitsun, as I thought about you all. I am sure and wished I were with you again, it did not seem like a holiday to us although we were out of the trenches, but I must say we had a rough time before that and thank God I am spared through it all, as it was terrible. We made two advances and captured the German trenches, but it cost a lot of lives for though we were under shell fire for ten days and I must say it was enough to drive a fellow mad as they were so deadly; it was a sight to see our chaps blown to pieces. I shall never forget it, what few of us were left thought ourselves lucky. It is cruel when the beasts use that gas, as it is an awful death to have. We are all issued with gags to cover our mouths with, it helps us to overcome the strength of it and stand our ground. Generals French and Joffe came to inspect us on behalf of the good work we have done lately the other day and I saw the Prince of Wales sometime back. I expect you wondered why I have not written to you before the last letter which I hope you got on Whit Monday, but I could not as we were engaged and we cannot write then. I think we are having another go shortly. How I wish the War was over but the more we kill the more seem to come up, where they come from beats me. I was glad to see Italy start as it will shorten it a bit. I only wish I come out of it safely so that I can come home to you all again. I generally dream that I am home and then wake up and find myself here it makes me wild then.....Pray for me Mum when you go to Church for my safety, but if I die I die with a good heart to know that I love my Mother and Father dearly*

*Thomas Pollard*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1915:** Roll of Honour. *Since our last issue we have to mourn the loss of Lieutenant Hubert Phillips, Privates Sydney Birch, Frederick Newman and **Thomas Pollard** who died gloriously for their King and Country..... Thomas Pollard was killed in the September advance in France and the news of his death, rumoured for some days was confirmed by the official War Office intimation to his parents. Readers to this magazine will perhaps remember a particularly interesting extract from Letters from the Front, which was written by Thomas Pollard. His place at home will know him no more but he will never be forgotten.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir, Committee Ledger:** Mrs Pollard (Mother) of Wild Hill received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Powell, George A.



**St Luke's Churchyard**

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George Aubyn Powell

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut R.F.C. of Napier New Zealand,

born 11 June 1889, died 7 Dec 1916



**Royal Flying Corps**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	POWELL, G. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	New Zealand
<b>Rank:</b>	Second Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Flying Corps
<b>Date of Death:</b>	07/12/1916
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I.I.21
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>BISHOPS HATFIELD (ST LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Hatfield War Memorial:** No.

### **Further Research:**

**Auckland War Memorial Museum:** via email, "2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Georg Aubyn Powell (25 Reserve Squadron, RFC) (Thetford, Norfolk – 7<sup>th</sup> Wing, Training Brigade) died as a result of a motor accident. The following quote explains the circumstances. "While walking along the Euston Road at about 17.30 towards Thetford and pushing a cycle, was struck from behind by a following motor cyclist and seriously injured. Died six hours later at Cambridge Eastern General Hospital and is buried at Hatfield" (Reference Errol W. Martyn "For Your Tomorrow" – Volume 1, p41."

**Evening Post, Vol. xcii, issue 143, 14<sup>th</sup> December 1916. P.1:** New Zealand's Roll of Honour – Powell- On the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1916, at Cambridge, England, Second lieutenant George Aubyn Powell, Royal Flying Corps, youngest beloved son of H and G Powell, Byron Street, Napier; aged 27years. Accidentally killed while on duty.

**Evening Post, Vol. xcvi, issue 138, 7 Dec 1918, p.1:** In Memoriam – Powell- In loving memory of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant George Aubyn Powell, Royal Flying Corps. Who was accidentally killed at Thetford, Norfolk, on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1916. Thy will be done. Inserted by his loving father, mother, brother and sisters.

## Powell, Godfrey/Geoffrey.



Hatfield War Memorial



Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery



Hertfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	POWELL, G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Date of Death:</b>	05/08/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	265543
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John and Kezia Powell, of Gatwick, Shackleford, Godalming, Surrey. Born Denham, Bucks.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	XVII. B. 11A.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes.

D.O.D. 31/8/1918 different from CWGC entry.

**Service Record – British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920:** Geoffrey Powell attested, at Hertford on 01/09/1914, he was 24yrs 4mths. Geoffrey was born in Denham, Uxbridge, Middx. At the time of attesting he **was working as a gardener in Hatfield, Herts.** Geoffrey had a fresh complexion, grey eyes, brown hair and was considered fit for service. Geoffrey embarked for France from Southampton 11/1914, became Lance Corporal 19/05/1915, was granted leave to England 30/08/15 – 05.09.1915. Allotted new no. 265543, 03/1917, suffered from impetigo 03/1917, was made up to Corporal 24/04/1917. Received a shell wound to abdomen on 01/08/1917 and died of wounds 05/08/1917. Medals and effects were sent to his Father John Powell.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** Geoffrey, age 2, is living with his parents and sibling in Denham, Bucks, and his parent's names are John and Kezia Powell. John is working as a gamekeeper.

**1901 Census:** Geoffrey, aged 11, is still living with his family in Denham, Bucks. Geoffrey's mother has died. Father, John, is still working as a gamekeeper. Living with the family is Hannah Williams, sister to John Powell.

**1911 Census:** Geoffrey, now 21, has left home and is working as a domestic gardener on the Petworth Estate, Sussex. His address is, The Gardens, Petworth Park, Sussex.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine October 1914:** 2<sup>nd</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Geoffrey Powell* – Newtown – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Territorials

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, Sept 1917:** *This issue of the magazine is of necessity a sad one owing to the large number of casualties incurred by Hertfordshire in the glorious action at St Julien, in which all the officers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. were killed or wounded and a heavy toll in life of the men under them was taken. .... We have however to mourn the loss of seven brave men: One being Geoffrey Powell, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts.*



## Powley, Leonard.



Hatfield War Memorial



Cambrai Memorial, Louveral



Royal Fusiliers

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	POWLEY, L.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Fusiliers 8th Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	24/11/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	69106
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 3 & 4
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">CAMBRAI MEMORIAL, LOUVERAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Leonard Powley, Birth Place: Tottenham, Middx, Residence: Hatfield, Date of death: 24 Nov 1917, Death location: France & Flanders: Enlistment location: Galashiels, Rank: Private, Regiment: Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), Battalion: 8<sup>th</sup>, Number: 69106, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: Formerly 5475, Army Veterinary Corp.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal, Additional information at some point served in Egypt

### Further Research:

**1911 Census:** There is a Leonard Powley, aged 15, living with parents Alfred & Eliza Powley in Essendon Lodge, Hatfield Park. This Leonard is said to have been born in Swaffham, Norfolk, not Tottenham Middx. which is on his army service record. Father, Alfred, is a horseman on farm. Leonard is working as a groom, domestic servant.

**1901 Census:** Tracing the parents back Alfred and Eliza are living in Swaffham, Norfolk, with a son Alfred and a visitor, Leonard Pailes, aged 5, who was born in London. Could this young Leonard be the same Leonard on the 1911 census?

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr A. Powley (Father) of Essendon Lodge, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
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In loving memory.....  
also Leonard Powley beloved son...  
k.i.a. November 24<sup>th</sup> 1917  
aged 24yrs.

## Putterill, Robert.



Hatfield War Memorial



Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



Royal Berkshire Regt.

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	PUTTERILL, R. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Berkshire Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	41
<b>Date of Death:</b>	31/07/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	36431
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Thomas and Ann Putterill, of 6, Primrose Cottages, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 45
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Robert William Putterill, Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 31 Jul 1917, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment), Battalion: 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 36431, Casualty: Killed in Action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: Formerly 5883, Herts. Regt..

### **National Roll of the Great War 1914-1918 Section V. Luton:**

Putterill, Robert W. Private, 6<sup>th</sup> Royal Berkshire Regt: He joined in November 1916 and in the following June proceeded overseas. He fought in many sectors of the Western Front and during the fierce conflict at St Julien was killed in action on July 31<sup>st</sup> 1917. He was entitled to the General Service and Victory Medal.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1881 Census:** Robert, age 3, is living with his parents Thomas and Ann and siblings in Back Street, Hatfield. Father, Thomas, is working as a carman.

**1911 Census:** Robert, age 33 and unmarried is living with his widowed Mother, Ann, and brother at 6, Primrose Cottages, Hatfield. Robert is working as a carman on estate.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine September 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour: *This issue of the magazine is of necessity a sad one owing to the large number of casualties incurred by Hertfordshire in the glorious action at St Julien, in which all the officers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. were killed or wounded and a heavy toll in life of the men under them was taken. .... We have however to mourn the loss of seven brave men: One Robert Putterill, R.A.M.C. .... Concerning the death of Robert Putterill, we learn that he lost his life while bringing in the wounded under heavy shell fire.*

### **Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1917:**

6<sup>th</sup> Royal Berks. B.E.F

*"Dear Mrs Putterill, It is with sincere regret that I have to inform you of the death of your son while serving with us as a stretcher bearer. He was a son to be proud of, and on that day (July 31) he had been carrying the wounded all day under the most dangerous conditions. Late in the afternoon he was hit by a shell while*

*carrying back a badly wounded man and killed instantly. I cannot speak highly enough of your son or express in words my own deep regret at his loss, which regret is shared by us all.*

*Yours Sincerely, Harold Acherley, Captain, R.A.M.C."*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Putterill (Mother) of 6, Primrose Cottages, Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album.

## Randall, Harry, D.C.M.



**Sergeant Harry Randall**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Voormezele Enclosure No. 3**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	RANDALL, H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Sergeant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Date of Death:</b>	30/04/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	265089
<b>Additional information:</b>	Husband of Eva L Randall, of Bury Crescent, Stanborough, Hatfield, Herts
<b>Awards:</b>	D.C.M.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	XIV. J.2.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">VOORMEZELE ENCLOSURE No. 3</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

### **Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:

Harry Randall, Birthplace: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 30 Apr 1918, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 265089, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Front, Comments: D.C.M.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal, British War Medal.

**Herts. Regt. 1918 War Diary, May:** Distinguished Conduct Medal, No. 265089, Sgt. H. Randall (Harry Randall D.C.M.)



**Distinguished  
Conduct Medal**

**London Gazette supplement 3 Sept 1918, p.10337:** 265089, Sgt. H. Randall, Herts. R. (Hatfield). For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on numerous occasions. He organised counter - attacks with the utmost gallantry, and led his men with amazing daring. Throughout the operations he behaved with the utmost courage.

**War Diary Beds. & Herts. Regt. 29.4.18:** Bn. rested, the troops being in a very exhausted condition after being 14 days in the trenches & being constantly subjected to very intense shell fire.  
**30.4.18:** Bn. rested during the day & during the afternoon the two HERTS. Coys. Moved up to position of readiness near DICKERBUSCH Lake where they were reorganised into another Composite Bn. with the 1/6 Cheshires, 4/5 Black Watch & 1/1<sup>st</sup> Cambs. The two 11<sup>th</sup> R. Sussex Coys. were reorganised into another Comp. Bn. consisting of the units of 117<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Harry, age 8, is living with his, Father, Isaac, Mother, Fanny & siblings at Park Lodge, Hatfield. Isaac is working as a gate keeper.

**1911 Census:** Harry, aged 18, is still living with his family at Hatfield Park, Station Lodge, North Road. He is working as an accountant, estate officer. Father Isaac is an estate lodge keeper.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** 1<sup>st</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield – *Randall, Harry – Newtown – Newtown – Territorials.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1915:** *Marriage -June 26<sup>th</sup> Harry Randall and Eva Lucy Bell*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, June 1918:** *Four of the best of us are alas! Reported missing, John Richardson, Herbert and Robert Hall and Harry Randall: it would have been hard to pick four finer types of our young manhood; our thoughts and prayers are indeed with those who watch and wait.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1918:** *Sergt. Harry Randall 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regt. who is missing, has been awarded the D.C.M.*

Brother of William J Randall

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs H. Randall (Widow) c/o Mr J. Randall (Father) St Albans Rd, Newtown, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



Newtown & Roe Green Memorial  
St Luke's Church



St Luke's Family Memorial  
EP 9/9

In loving memory  
also

Harry Randall DCM AGt. 1<sup>st</sup> Herts  
killed in action April 30<sup>th</sup> 1918 aged 26  
interred at Voormezele



## Randall, William Joseph.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Vermelles British Cemetery**



**Royal Engineers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	RANDALL, W. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Engineers
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11/02/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	26628
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Isaac and Fanny Randall, of New Town, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II.A.1
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">VERMELLES BRITISH CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** William Joseph Randall, Birth place: Hatfield, Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 11 Feb 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Aldershot, Rank: L/Corporal, Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers, Number: 26628, type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre, Comments: 1<sup>st</sup> Field Coy., R.E.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** William, age 3, is living with Father, Isaac, Mother, Fanny, and siblings in Hatfield Park. Isaac is working as a gatekeeper.

**1901 Census:** William, age 13, is still living with his family at the Park Lodge, Hatfield. William is working as a bookstall lad. Father Isaac is still a gatekeeper.

**1911 Census:** William, age 23, is now in the Army. He is a driver with 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Troop, Royal Engineers, at the Canterbury Barracks.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** 1<sup>st</sup> list of men mobilised from Hatfield- *Randall, William – Newtown – Royal Engineers 1<sup>st</sup> Field Squadron.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, March 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *The Roll of Honour includes two of our Hatfield men who died doing their duty, and whose names will never be forgotten, for they, like so many others have upheld the honour of their King and Country and have given their brave lives in the cause of justice. Parishioners can earnestly offer*



Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
EP 9/9

In loving memory  
also William J Randall L.Cpl. RE  
killed in action February 11<sup>th</sup> 1916  
aged 28  
interred at Vermelles

*their respectful sympathy to a bereaved Mother and sorrowing Father..... Mr Randall has kindly permitted the publication of the following letter.....*

*Dear Mr Randall, I very much regret to inform you that today we lost your son, Corporal Randall. He was killed by a shell when out for a walk two miles behind the lines. It was all the more sad because he has been six weeks at work in the front line trenches, and had done excellent work. He was a most excellent N.C.O in every way and a most gallant man, and the whole squadron mourns one of their best comrades. I have arranged for all his personal effects to be sent to you by registered post. He will be buried tomorrow in the British Cemetery, Vermelles, and a cross put up and flowers planted and though my loss is but a trifle compared with yours, yet I mourn sincerely the loss of one of my best N.C.O.s, and that of a gallant man.*

*Yours Sincerely, G. Ogilvy, Captain, R.E.*

Brother of Harry Randall, D.C.M.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr J Randall (Father) of St Albans Rd. Newtown, Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Reid, Geoffrey Percy Neville.



Hatfield War Memorial



Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



Essex Yeomanry

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	REID, G. P. N.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Essex Yeomanry
<b>Age:</b>	27
<b>Date of Death:</b>	13/05/1915
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Percy Charles and Rose J. Reid of Feering, Kelvedon, Essex
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 5
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Memorial in Church of All Saints at Freeing in Essex:** Mantel top tablet with pointed top with the Royal Scots Crest, Essex Yeomanry crest and motto at bottom of tablet..... Geoffrey Percy Neville Reid Lieut. The Essex Yeomanry born, 7<sup>th</sup> March 1888, killed in action at 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Ypres, Belgium 13<sup>th</sup> May 1915. The dearly beloved son of Percy and Rose Reid of Freeing- Bury in this parish.

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers died in the Great War, 1914-1918:** Geoffrey Percy Neville Reid, Death date: 14(?) May 1915, Rank: Lieutenant, Regiment: Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line (incl. Yeomanry and Imperial Camel Corps), Battalion: Essex Yeomanry, Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal, and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** Geoffrey, age 3, is living in Freeing, Essex, where he was born on his Grandfather's farm. Living on the farm is his Grandfather, Grandmother, Father, Mother, siblings and seven servants. His Grandfather is a farmer and his father, Percy (born in Codicote Herts.) is a brewer.

**1901 Census:** Geoffrey, age 13, is at preparatory school at St. Peter's on the Isle of Thanet, Kent.

**1911 Census:** Geoffrey, age 23, is back at home with his family in Freeing, Essex. Father, Percy is a farmer/brewer. Geoffrey is working as a brewer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine September 1914:** 1st List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – Reid, Geoffrey P N – Brewery – Lieut. Essex Yeomanry.

**Pryor Reid Brewery, Hatfield:** Owned by the Reid family, Geoffrey was probably working at the Brewery when war was declared.

**Excerpt from 'History of the Hatfield Brewery', by Brian Lawrence** - *All too soon with the outbreak of the First World War, the established way of life which had developed in this country during the Victorian age was totally disrupted and the inhabitants of Hatfield and the employees of the Brewery were all affected by these changes. Many of the staff were called to arms and among those who were destined never to return was the only son of the Chairman of the Company, Mr Percy C Reid.*

*There is no doubt that the closure of the brewery in 1920 came about as a direct result of this tragic event since it is recorded that at the closing dinner for all the employees, held at the One Bell, the Chairman publicly stated that he would never have thought of closing but for the death of his son. One can but speculate how differently this part of old Hatfield might have developed had the young Lieutenant Geoffrey Reid survived to fulfil his father's dream of continuing the family business. At the time of its closure the Brewery Company owned approximately a hundred public houses, in and around Hatfield and in other parts of the county, all of which were sold to Benskins of Watford*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs P.C. Reid (Mother) of Freeing, Essex, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Rhodes, William.



Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	RHODES, W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	02/08/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	27864
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 31 and 33
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** No

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: William Rhodes, Birth place: Bitteswell, Leicester, Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 2 Aug 1917, Death Location: France & Flanders, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Number 27864, Type of casualty: Killed in Action, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded Victory Medal & British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1881 Census:** William, age 2, is living with parents and siblings in Bitteswell, Leicestershire. His Father, another William, is a domestic gardener. His Mother's name is Harriet.

**1891 Census:** William, age 12, and the family are living in the gardener's cottage, Bitteswell. Father, William, is still a gardener.

**1901 Census:** William, age 22, is in service, working as a domestic footman at 15 Grosvenor Sq., London.

**1911 Census:** William, age 31, is working as a domestic footman at 16 Carlton Terrace, London. The head of the household is Lord Mountstephen (Lord Cowdray). There are 17 servants in the household.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** An "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album"; had been ordered for the relatives/friends of William Rhodes; address given was late Brocket.

See letter next page



William Rhodes  
Presumably in Footman's Uniform.



The Sun  
Lemsford  
Hatfield  
Herts  
Nov 15. 1919

Dear Sir/

With reference to the "Souvenir  
Pte William Rhodes 2<sup>nd</sup> Beds Regt. Missing  
Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1917. Sanctuary Wood. Flanders.  
He was living with Lord Mount Stephen nine  
years.

Pte Herbert Lee 4<sup>th</sup> Suffolk Regt. died  
prisoner of war at Tournai Belgium on  
March 19<sup>th</sup> 1918. With Lord M. Stephen about  
16 months before enlistment.

If you consider their parents are entitled to  
Souvenirs & forward cards to me I will get  
them filled in.

Yours faithfully  
A. H. Smith

Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies

The Sun  
Lemsford  
Hatfield  
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Nov 15 1919

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souvenirs forward both cards to me I will  
get them filled in.

Yours faithfully

## Rice, George.



Hatfield War Memorial



Bishops Hatfield St Luke's Churchyard



Gloucestershire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	RICE, G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Sergeant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Gloucestershire Regiment, 18 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
<b>Date of Death:</b>	03/09/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	52268
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	2. I. 14.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">BISHOPS HATFIELD (St LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: British Army WW1 Pension Records 1814-1920:** George Rice, according to army records, had been educated the Royal Army Asylum School obtaining a certificate of education 2<sup>nd</sup> class. He enlisted on 1/6/1886 into the Bedfordshire Regiment at the age of 18 (limited engagements). He was posted a private to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bed. Regt. 19/11/1889, appointed drummer 25/4/1890. He extended his army service to complete 12 years with the colours on 28/4/1890. Promoted corporal 3/4/1893 but reduced to the ranks 12/06/1893, transferred to army reserve 30/6/1893 and discharged 31/05/1898.

George re-enlisted 31/08/1914 **apparent age 43yrs** and immediately posted as Sergeant. George was 5ft. 3.5 inches tall, with fresh complexion, pale grey eyes and grey hair. He had been working as a brick layer and living at 8 Primrose Cottages, Hatfield, with his wife Eliza and large family of 8 children. He was posted several times finally to the Gloucestershire Regt. 28/06/1918. He had been at home 31/8/14-28/8/1915, with the British Expeditionary Force 29/12/15-26/05/1916, and ? 27/5/1916 – 23/8/1918. He became medically unfit for war service with heart problems and was discharged on 28/08/1918. **According to the medical report of invalid, George was 50yrs.** His military character was very good, steady, reliable, hardworking, sober and trustworthy. The Death of Pensioner Notice shows that a sum of 22/- was awarded for the period 24/8/1918 – 03/09/1918.

**National Roll of the Great War 1914-1918, Section V. Luton:** Rice, George Sergeant, Bedfordshire Regiment – volunteering in August 1914, he served with his unit at various stations until drafted overseas in December 1915. He took part in several battles on the Western Front and did valuable work with his unit and was badly gassed in August 1918. Invalided home **he died in the V.A.D. Hospital, Hatfield** from the effects of gas poisoning in the following month. He was entitled to the 1914-15 star, General and victory Medals. 8, Primrose Cottages, Hatfield. (Being invalided out because of gas poisoning differs from George's army pension's records)

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal, British and War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1871 Census:** There is a George Rice, age 3, living in Union Lane, Hatfield, he is (apparently) the adopted son of George and Caroline Holland. George Holland is an engine cleaner. The Holland's have a son of their own also called George, age 1. There is also a Matthew Rice, 43, widower, working as a railway labourer living in Newtown, Hatfield with 2 daughters and 1 son also named Matthew.

**1881 Census:** A, George Rice, age 12, a scholar, is living with his Father, Matthew, 53, a widower, in Newtown Cottages, Hatfield. Matthew, born in Louth Ireland was working as a railway labourer. (This may be the same George in the 1871 census). Looking for George and Caroline Holland in this census we find them in Clerkenwell. London, there is no George Rice living with them.

**1911 Census:** George Rice, age 40, is living with his wife Eliza and family of 8 children at 8, Primrose cottages, Hatfield. George is working as a garden labourer. His Father Matthew Rice, aged 83, is now a patient in the Workhouse in Union Lane, Hatfield.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Rice, George, Sergt. – Primrose Cottages – 1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordshire Regt.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Rice (Widow) of 8, Primrose Cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



CWGC and Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P2 2/17  
Egypt- Gloucestershire 52268  
Serjeant G.Rice Gloucestershire Regt  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 1918

## Richardson, John.



**Hatfield War Memorial**



**Fins New British Cemetery,  
Sorel-Le-Grand**



**Royal Engineers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	RICHARDSON, J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Sapper
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Engineers
<b>Age:</b>	26
<b>Date of Death:</b>	22/03/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	552295
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of William John and Frances Richardson of Park St. Hatfield
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Sp. Mem. VIII. E. 13. Buried near spot
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b><u>FINS NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, SOREL-LE-GRAND</u></b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

D.O.D. listed as 21/03/1918

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: John Richardson, Residence: Hatfield, Herts, Death Date: 22 Mar 1918, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment Location: Chelsea, Middx., Rank: Spr., Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers, Number: 552295, Type of Casualty: Killed in Action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: 518<sup>th</sup> Field Coy., R.E.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional information – previous regimental No. 1508

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** John, age 9, is living with his Father and Mother, William and Frances as well as his brother and sister in Park Street, Hatfield. Father, William, is a builder (employer).

**1911 Census:** John, age 19, is now a boarder in the house of Mrs Louisa How, at 24 Luna Street, Chelsea, London. John is working as a carpenter (house builder).

John Richardson was a pupil at the Hatfield Collegiate Schools, Dagmar House. There is a memorial to the pupils that were killed in the Great War in St Etheldreda's Church.

**Bishop' Hatfield Parish Magazine, January, 1916:** Extracts from Letters from the Front –

21<sup>st</sup> November 1915

.....As I have seen a few letters in the Parish magazine from different chaps out here I thought I would like to let you know a few of my experiences. I came out in March with.....the division that was billeted around Hatfield and St Albans. On reaching France I with twenty other men, was left at the base at Havre as reinforcements. Here we spent a fairly decent time, as we were attached to the regular R.E.s for work in the numerous Camps. And so we had a good deal more freedom than some of the other corps in the Camps. I spent seven weeks at the Base, and joined my Company at the line just before the battle of Festubert, in which my Company played a big part, being right in the thick of it. I can remember



**Dagmar Hse. Memorial in  
St Etheldreda's Church  
Hatfield**



the sensation one of our section caused when they were returning from the line the next day; every man had got a Prussians Guard's helmet, and as they came into the village they all put them on. It was a sight the French people nearly went mad with delight. After Festubert we moved back and a bit further on to the right of the line on to a position recently occupied by the French. Here we were billeted in a brewery .....Here we were engaged in digging in a new trench in advance of the one occupied by us. So as to straighten up the line a bit and putting out barbed wire entanglements. While at this billet we had a few rather exciting experiences of the German shells and some narrow squeaks we had too; but luckily we had very few casualties indeed. One day in particular I remember. The Germans started shelling a little to our left, where some of our artillery were, and then they came gradually nearer to our billet. The first shell near to our billet killed ten horses, the next went into the roof of a farm building just behind; No.3 went bang clean through the roof of the billet where two minutes before about twenty of our chaps were having tea; but somehow they had all cleared out when they heard the first two shells, so no one was hit. After that we used to get a few over-nearly every day, but nearly all were wide of the billet. One night we all went out in front wiring, the Germans spotted us, and turned the machine guns on us. Down we all went as close to Mother earth as possible and it was not very pleasant to hear the bullets going ping against the wire. We waited till they stopped and then tried to get on with our work, but they would not let us. Every time we started they started the machine gun; so at last we received orders to get in as best we could. So we waited till all was quiet, and then one at a time made for the end of the gap; and we did not trouble how we went in, and right thankful we were to get in, with only two men hit and that wounded. After two months of this part of the line we received orders to take over a position from the French further to the right. Here we had to prepare a new front line again ready for the attack on Loos. In this attack we were again in the thick of it, and we gave the Germans a taste of our worth that time. Gee, you should have seen them run when we got past their first line. They properly got the wind up and hooked it, with our boys and the Jocks on our left in full pelt after them. The R.E.'s had so far to go, and then stop and to start to consolidate the position, and we had to work like very devils, as the Germans tried a counter attack; but they lost a terrible number of men and gained nothing. We are now back for a rest, the first we have had for seven months. When I say rest, it only means being away from the line, and we have to do all sorts of work. At present we are building huts. I have seen the report of the Zepps visiting England.....and I am glad they did no damage to Hatfield. I am afraid the Germans have not been satisfied with the results of their much talked about Zepps. Well, now I must close, wishing all the best of luck to all in Hatfield.

J. Richardson. 4<sup>th</sup> London Field Co., R.E.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour....John Richardson ....reported missing.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, June 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – Four of the best of us are reported missing alas, **John Richardson**, Herbert and Robert Hall and Harry Randall; it would have been hard to pick four finer types of young manhood, our thoughts and prayers are indeed with those who watch and wait.

**Herts. Advertiser, 4.5.18:** Missing Hatfield men – John Richardson

Mr & Mrs W J Richardson of Park St. Hatfield have received information from the War Office that their older son Sapper John Richardson, R E, has been missing since Mar 20/21 Sapper Richardson who was in business with his father joined the R E directly after the war broke out and went, in early 1915, to France where he has been continuously with the exception of one or two leaves.

Mr and Mrs Richardson had not heard from their son for some weeks but a letter from one of his comrades informed them that the last he heard from him was that he and his comrades were holding on to a trench under heavy German fire.

Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P1 26/16



In loving memory  
John Richardson R.E. killed in action  
Neuville France March 21<sup>st</sup> 1916  
aged 26

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs W. Richardson (Mother) of Park Street, Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album



## Risebero, (Riseboro) Archibald.



Hatfield War Memorial



Bishop's Hatfield St Luke's Churchyard



Hertfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	RISEBERO, A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Company Quarter Sergeant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Hertfordshire
<b>Age:</b>	25?
<b>Date of Death:</b>	19/06/1919
<b>Service No:</b>	265090
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">BISHOPS HATFIELD (St LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: British Army WWI Pension Records 1914-1920:** Archibald Risebero enlisted as a private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Hertfordshire Regiment on 27/01/1911 for a term of 4 years. Regimental number 1636, this was changed to 265090 later in his service. According to his record he was at home until embarking for France at Southampton on 05/11/1914. On the 29/03/15 he was appointed paid Lance Corporal. On 10/04/1915 appointed acting Lance Sergeant (in the field). During this period Archibald extended his active service for the duration of the war. Promoted to substantive rank 30/11/1915 (in the field). Had leave to England from 10/10/1917-20/10/1917 and on return to France was appointed Company Quarter Sergeant, 15/07/1917. Left for England 02/11/1918 and demobilized 13/03/1919, he was 25. During his war service Archibald had various skin ailments, bronchial catarrh in 11/1916 and at the beginning of 1918 caught influenza. His address when demobilized was 1, St Peters Cottages, Hatfield. He was awarded the sum of 35/- from 14/03/1919 until the end of the quarter that he died.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal,. Additional information, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. No. 1636, Bedf. .... (TF) No. 265090.

### Further Research:

**1911 Census:** Archibald, age 18, is living with his parents and siblings at St. Peters Cottages, Hatfield. Archibald is working as a bricklayer's labourer. Father, Reuben, is a platelayer for the GN Railway. Mother's name is Betsy.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** First List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield: Riseboro, Archibald - St Peter's Cottages - Territorial's.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1919:** Hatfield Roll of Honour- On the eve of the declaration of peace there passed away another of Hatfield's soldiers, Sergeant Archibald Riseboro, the second of the family to give his life for his country and only surviving son of Mr & Mrs Riseboro of St Peter's cottages.

Owing to the severe privations, borne with ungrudging cheerfulness, his health was seriously impaired and it was evident that he was affected with phthisis shortly after his return home. Soon after entering Ware Sanatorium

Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P1 23/11



In loving memory Betsy Riseboro  
also Archie

*he passed away, and his body was brought home to be buried at Newtown, his coffin being covered with the Union Jack, and a large assembly of friends and old comrades being present to do him last honours.*

Brother of Walter Risebero

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Risebero (Mother) of 1, St Peters Cottages, Hatfield received a Silver Matchbox.

## Risebero (Risboro), Walter Robert William.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Aubigny Communal**  
**Cemetery Extension**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	RISEBERO, W. R. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	25/05/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	23433
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Reuben and Betsy Risebero of 1, St Peter's Cottages, New Town, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	III. G. 16
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

Memorial book gives D.O.D. 25/05/1919.

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Walter Risebero, Birth Place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 25 May 1917, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment Location: Ampthill, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 23433, Type of Casualty: Died of Wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1911 Census:** Walter, age 16, is living with his parents and siblings at St. Peters Cottages, Hatfield. Walter is working as a car man (farming). Father, Reuben, is a platelayer for the GN Railway. Mother's name is Betsy.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1915:** 16<sup>th</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, *Risebero, Walter – St Peter's Cottages – 4<sup>th</sup> Beds. Regiment.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – We have to chronicle still further losses among our men of Hatfield.....Private Walter Risbro' .....has been killed in action.

Brother of Archibald Risebero

Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P3 1/8



In loving memory.....  
also Walter killed in action

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Risebero (Mother) of 1, St Peters Cottages, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Roberts, Thomas W.



Hatfield War Memorial



Salonika (Lembet Road)  
Military Cemetery



Royal Dublin Fusiliers

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	ROBERTS, T. W.
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Dublin fusiliers
<b>Age:</b>	24
<b>Date of Death:</b>	18/09/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	24383
<b>Additional information:</b>	Husband of Sophia Mary Roberts, of 1, Ringslade Rd., Wood Grn. London
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	425
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">SALONIKA (LEMBET ROAD) MILITARY CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** Ireland, Casualties of World War 1, 1914-1918: Roberts, Thomas William, Reg. No: 24383, Rank: Private, Royal Dublin Fusiliers 7th Batt., died Balkans, September 18, 1916, born Great Marlow Buckinghamshire.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Robert, age 8, is living with his parents, 3 siblings and 1 boarder at Glebeland Cottages, Hatfield. Father, Harry, is working as a general labourer. Robert's Mother is called Emily.

**1911 Census:** Robert, age 18, is still living with his parents, 3 siblings and 3 boarders at 30 Glebeland Cottages, Hatfield. Robert is now working as a railway porter. Father, Harry is still a general labourer.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Roberts (Mother) of 30 Glebe Cottages, Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P1 20/20



In loving memory.....  
also Thomas, the dearly loved husband  
of Sophie Roberts, who died of malaria  
while serving with the Balkan forces on  
18<sup>th</sup> September 1916 aged 24 years.



## Scott, Leonard William.



**L/Corporal Leonard W Scott**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Mont Huon Military Cemetery,**  
**Le Treport**



**Machine Gun corps**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SCOTT, L. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Machine Gun Corps.
<b>Age:</b>	36
<b>Date of Death:</b>	12/10/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	140901
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mr and Mrs J. Scott, of Mill Green, Hatfield, Herts. Enlisted September, 1914
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VIII. K. 10A
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>MONT HUON MILITARY CEMETERY, LE TREPORT</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield and Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Named as **William Scott**, Birth Place: Hatfield, Residence: Hatfield, Death Date: 12 Oct 1918, Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment Location: Wakefield, Rank: L/Corporal, Regiment: Machine Gun Corps, Battalion: (Infantry), Number: 140901, Type of Casualty: Died of Wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: Formerly 17339, York's L.I.

**Medal Card:** Named as **William Scott**. Awarded the 1915 star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1891 census:** Leonard William Scott, age 10, is living with his parents and siblings at Waterside Cottages, Mill Green, Hatfield. Father, James, is a railway signalman. Leonard's Mother is named Annie.

**1901 census:** A **William** Scott (born Hatfield, Herts.) age 19, is visiting a Mr Matthews in Enfield Middx. William is working as a railway porter.

**1911 census:** A **William** Scott (born Hatfield, Herts.) age 28, is a boarder, with a Mrs Hannah Mary Naylor, at 68 Piccadilly, **Wakefield**, Yorkshire, this would tie in with his enlistment location see above. William is working as a railway porter.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine: October 1914:** Third List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield –  
*Scott, Leonard W. Mill Green – K.O.T.L.I.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine: November 1918:**  
Hatfield Roll of Honour – *At Mill Green, Mr and Mrs*

Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P2 4/26



In loving memory.....  
also Leonard William, son, died in France  
October 1918 aged 37 years



*Scott mourn the death of their son Lance-Corporal Leonard Scott, M.G.C. who has died after a fine service of three years in France. A peculiar pathos attaches to his death, as after being severely gassed, news came through that he was doing well and hopes were entertained of his recovery; heart failure supervened and he passed away in his sleep, deeply regretted by all who knew him.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Scott (Mother) of Waterside Cottages, Mill Green received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album". Gassed, Etrecourt, Somme, died, Le Treport 12/10/18.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))

## Selway (Salway), Sidney James.



**HMS Queen Mary**  
**Sunk at the Battle of Jutland**  
**31/05/1916**



**Portsmouth Naval Memorial**



**Royal Marine Artillery**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SELWAY, S. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Gunner
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Marine Artillery
<b>Date of Death:</b>	31/05/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	RMA/13045
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	21
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Royal Navy and Royal Marine War Graves Roll, 1914-1919: Name: Sidney James Selway, Rank: Gunner, Birth Date: 5 May 1894, Birth Place: New Barnet, Herts., Branch of Service: Royal Marine Artillery, Cause of death: Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action, Official Number Port Division: R.M.A./13045(Po), Death date: 31 May 1916, Ship Unit: HMS Queen Mary, Location of grave: not recorded, Name and address of cemetery: Body not recovered for burial, Relatives notified and address: Mother: Anna Selway, Kingbourne Green, Luton, Beds.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### **Further Research:**

**1901 census:** Sydney, age 6 (born Barnet Herts.) is living with his parents, Joseph and Anna, and siblings and grandmother on a farm at Rose Hill, Sutton, Surrey. Father, Joseph, is a Farmer employer.

**1911 census:** Sydney, age 16, is still living at Oldfield Farm, Rose Hill, Sutton Surrey, with his family. He is still at school. (There is a sister named Dorothy, which ties in with the Parish Magazine for July 1916 see below).

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1914:** Fourth List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, *Salway, S. Lower Woodside Lodge – H.M.S. "Queen Mary"*.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour, *It is with much sorrow that we have to record the death of Sydney Salway who was lost in H.M.S. "Queen Mary" in the recent Naval Battle. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr and Mrs Salway who lived at Lower Woodside Lodge and for Miss Dorothy Salway who is still with us as a Pupil Teacher in Westfield School.*

## Sharp, Christopher George.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**Chocques Military Cemetery**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SHARP, C. G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	23
<b>Date of Death:</b>	9/11/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	17793
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mrs E. Sharp, of 10 Sandpit Cottages, Hatfield Hyde, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I.H.2.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">CHOCQUES MILITARY CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Christopher George Sharp, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield Hyde, Death date: 9 Nov 1915, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Number 17793, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Christopher, age 8, is living with his parents George and Eliza and four siblings at Hatfield Hyde. Father, George, is a clay sandpit labourer.

**1911 Census:** Christopher, age 18, is still with his family at Hatfield Hyde. There are now eight brothers and sisters. Christopher is working as a farm labourer and his father is still a sandpit labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1914:** Fourth List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – Sharp, Christopher – Hatfield Hyde – 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Territorials.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1915:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – Died of Wounds – Christopher Sharp.

Brother of David Sharp

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Sharp (Mother) of 10, Sandpit Cottages, Hatfield Hyde, received a Silver Matchbox.

## Sharp, David.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**Pozieres Memorial**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SHARP, D.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	23
<b>Date of Death:</b>	07/04/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	22969
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of George and Eliza Sharp, of Hatfield Hyde, Hatfield Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 28 and 29
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">POZIERES MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** David Sharp, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield Hyde, Herts., Death date: 7 Apr 1918, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: St Albans, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment: Battalion: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number 22969, Type of casualty: Killed in Action, Theatre of War: Western European theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** David, age four, is living with his parents, George and Eliza and four siblings, at Hatfield Hyde. Father, George, is a clay sandpit labourer.

**1911 Census:** David, age 14, is still with his family at Hatfield Hyde. There are now eight brothers and sisters. David is working as a farm labourer and his father is still a sandpit labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1915:** Sixteenth List of Men Mobilised - From Hatfield – Sharp, David – Hyde – 3<sup>rd</sup> Beds Regt.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *We much regret to note among the missing Pte David Sharp 4<sup>th</sup> Beds Regt.*

Brother of Christopher George Sharp

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Sharp (Mother) of 10, Sandpit Cottages, Hatfield Hyde received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Skeggs, Albert Edward.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**



**Thiepval Memorial**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SKEGGS, A. E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 6 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Date of Death:</b>	09/08/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	22153
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mrs. Jane Skeggs, of 24 Primrose Cottages, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 2 C.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Albert Edward Skeggs, Birth Place: St Albans, Residence: Hatfield, Herts., Death date: 9 Aug 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: St. Albans, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 22153, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Front.

**National Roll of the Great War, 1914-1918, Section V. Luton:** Skeggs, Albert E. Private 6<sup>th</sup> Bedfordshire Regt. He Volunteered in June 1915 and in the same year embarked for France where he took part in heavy fighting at Ypres, Albert, Central Maison, and other places. He was reported missing on August 9<sup>th</sup> 1916 at Delville wood, and later presumed to have been killed in action on that date. He was entitled to the, General Service & Victory Medals.  
24, Primrose Cottages, Hatfield.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 Star Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** Albert, age 3, is living with his parents and sister at New Town Cottages. Father, Joseph, is a signal fitter. Mother's name is Jane.

**1901 Census:** Albert, age 13, is living with his now widowed Mother, Jane, and brother and sister in Newtown Cottages. Albert is working as an errand boy.

**1911 Census:** Albert is still living with his widowed Mother and siblings in New Town Cottages. He is now working as a general labourer on the Salisbury Estate.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1915:** Sixteenth List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – Skeggs, Albert E. – Newtown – Duke of Bedford's Own Regt.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *the relatives of the four "missing" Hatfield Men, Privates, Austin, Page, Panter and Skeggs still maintain their courage and hopefulness, but it is an agonising time for them.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Jane Skeggs (Mother) of 24 Primrose Cottages, Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Smith, Alfred G.



Hatfield War Memorial



St Nicholas British Cemetery



Royal Garrison Artillery

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SMITH, A.G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Gunner
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Garrison Artillery, 139 Siege BLY.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	16/05/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	79316
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I.K.7.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">St NICHOLAS BRITISH CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Alfred George Smith, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 16 May 1917, Enlistment: Watford, Rank: Gunner, Regiment: Royal Garrison Artillery, Number: 79316, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Alfred George Smith, age 4, is living with his parents William and Kate and three siblings at Cranborne Terrace, Hatfield. Father, William, is a fishmonger.

**1911 Census:** Alfred, age 13 and at school, is still living with his parents and now 5 siblings at 7 Cranborne Terrace, Pond Hill, Hatfield. His father is still working as a fishmonger.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine July 1916:** Twenty Third List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Smith Alfred George* – Cranborne Terrace – RGA.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine June and July 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour – *Killed in Action - Alfred Smith – R.G.A.*  
*As we went to print last month the news of Gunner Alfred Smith's death had come to hand and a memorial service was held in the Parish Church on the last day of the month to commemorate a much loved choir boy. The following letter has been received by the parents of Gunner Alfred Smith will serve to sustain the character which all his friends knew him to bear. "By this letter I desire to express to you the deepest sympathy of the whole Battery at the sad loss of your son, Gun. Smith A.G., who was killed in action May 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a great blow to his friends in the Battery, as he was one of the most popular men I have in the Battery. I always found your son very keen and always anxious to do his best, no matter what job he was given to him. He was always cheerful and never complained at the hardships we sometimes all had to undergo.*

Family Memorial  
 St Luke's Churchyard  
 SP 8/1



In loving memory  
 Alfred George Smith (our Bob)  
 killed in action May 16<sup>th</sup> 1917  
 aged 19.

*By the death of your son the Battery lost one of its best gunners and I intended to promote him when the opportunity arose. I regret that I am unable to tell you where your son was buried but a letter to the attached address will tell all the details. I know this had been a great blow to yourself and his Mother and in conclusion I again send you the sincerest regret of both officers and men.*

*Yours Truly, R.C. May, Major.*

R.G.A.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Smith (Mother) of Pond Hill, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Smith, Arthur.



**Private Arthur Smith**  
(Mill Green Mill & Museum)



**Bertrancourt Military Cemetery**



**Manchester Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SMITH, A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Manchester Regiment
<b>Age:</b>	20
<b>Date of Death:</b>	05/07/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	44958
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mr and Mrs Smith, of Radwell House Cottages, nr Baldock
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Plot 2. Row E. Grave 12
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">BERTRANCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Arthur Smith, Birth place: Baldock, Herts., Residence: Baldock, Death date: 5 Jul 1918, Death location: France & Flanders: Enlistment location: Watford, Herts., Rank: Private, Regiment: Manchester Regiment, Battalion: 1/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 44958, Type of casualty: Died of Wounds, Theatre of war: Western European Theatre.

**National roll of the Great War, 1914-1918. Section V. Luton:** Arthur Smith, Private 1/7<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regt. Volunteering in January 1916 he was shortly afterwards despatched to the Western Front. Whilst overseas he took part in several important engagements and was wounded. Rejoining his unit on recovery he was killed in action on July 5<sup>th</sup> 1918 and was entitled to the General Service Medal and Victory Medal.  
11, St Peters Cottages, Hatfield.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** An Arthur Smith, age 2 and born in Radwell, Herts., is living with his Grandparents, Richard and Elizabeth Oakley and Aunt, at Woodside Lodge, Hatfield. Richard Oakley, aged 66, is working as a general farm labourer.

**1911 Census:** Arthur Smith, age 12 and at school, is still living with his Grandparents and Aunt at Woodside Lodge, Hatfield Park. His Grandfather is now a lodge keeper, estate worker. There is also a Walter and Mary Smith (married 6 years) who may be related, living at 11, St. Peters Cottages, the address mentioned in National Roll of the Great War (see above)

Herts. Advertiser, 27/7/1918: Pte A Smith:

*News has reached Radwell, near Baldock that Pte A Smith, Manchester Regt., son of Mr and Mrs G Smith, Radwell, died in hospital in France on July 5<sup>th</sup>, from severe shell wounds in the head sustained in the front line trench. Before enlisting two years ago, Pte Smith was employed by Messrs Tingey of Hatfield. His chaplain,*

*forwarding sympathies of the officers and me of the Battalion states that Pte Smith “was very much liked by all who knew him. We are burying him in our little cemetery behind the lines. Mr and Mrs Smith have four more sons in the Army.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Howard (Aunt) of 11, St Peters Cottages, Hatfield received an “In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album”.



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**

## Smith, John Abraham.



Hatfield War Memorial



Wimereux Communal Cemetery



Machine Gun Corps

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SMITH, J. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Machine Gun Corps 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn
<b>Age:</b>	34
<b>Date of Death:</b>	07/06/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	84478
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John Abraham and Eliza Elizabeth Smith of Hatfield Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	XI.H.4
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">WIMEREUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: John Abraham Smith, Birth place: Bishops Hatfield, Death date: 7 Jun 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Stratford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Machine Gun Corps, Battalion: (Infantry), Number: 84478, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Front: Comments: Formerly 5317. A.P.C.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** John, age 7, born about 1884, is living with his parents, Abraham and Eliza and siblings at Brewery Cottages. Father, John Abraham, is working as a Cooper at the Brewery.

**1901 Census:** The family are living in Park St. John is working as a grocer's assistant.

**1911 Census:** There is a John Abraham Smith living as a boarder in the house of a Mr & Mrs Green, 12 Maryland Square, Stratford. He is 26 and working as a grocer's assistant. The address would tie in with enlistment location (see above) and where both his parents were born and lived until moving to Hatfield around 1880.

**Herts. Advertiser, 22.6.1918:** Hatfield Casualties.

**Pte J A Smith**, youngest son of the late Mr J Smith, for many years cooper at the Hatfield Brewery, was wounded on June, (?) and died in hospital two days later, at the age of (?) Pte Smith enlisted in January 1915 and for some time was in the Army Pay Corps. He was subsequently drafted to the Machine Gun Corp and went to France in April of the previous (?) year. As a boy he was a member of the Parish Church choir and was apprenticed with Mr J Gregory, provisions dealer, and when he enlisted he was with the Army & Navy Stores, Strand (?). He leaves a widow but no children.



(Herts. Advertiser)



## Smith, Walter T.



**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. Memorial**  
**St Mary's Church**



**Achiet-Le-Grand Communal**  
**Cemetery Extension**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SMITH, W. T.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	21/08/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	29802
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	1V.A.26
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">ACHIET-LE-GRAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

Listed as Smith Walter T., **Lance-Corporal**.

**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. War Memorial:** Yes

Listed **Pte.** Walter Smith.

**Service Record:** Not found

**Bedfordshire Regt. War Diaries:** August 21-27 1918, 4<sup>th</sup> Bedfordshire Regiment was involved in the second battle on the Somme.

**Medal Card:** Not Found.

### **Further Research:**

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Smith (Widow) Ponsbourne Manor Hse. received an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".

## Speller, Augustus Charles.



**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. Memorial**  
**St Mary's Church**



**Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SPELLER, A. C.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	26/10/1914
<b>Service No:</b>	9088
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 31 and 33
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#"><b>YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL</b></a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Ponsbourne/Newgate St War Memorial:** Yes

Gives D.O.D.as 20<sup>th</sup> October 1914

**Service Record:** **UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Augustus Speller, Birth place: Henham, Essex, Residence: Hertford, Death date: 26 Oct 1914, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Number: 9088, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star with clasp, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

**Further Research:** Augustus Charles Speller was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.1888 at Henham Essex, his parents Charles and Hetty Speller had Augustus christened at High Wych, Hertfordshire, on the 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.1893 when he was 5 years old.

**1891 Census:** Augustus, age 3, is living with his parents, Charles and Hetty and seven siblings (three are step children) at Widdington, Essex. Charles is working as an Agriculture labourer, the record shows that Charles was born at Elsenham, Essex and Hetty at Henham, Essex.

**1901 Census:** The family are living at Little Amwell, Hertford, Augustus, age 13, is working as a rope maker.

**1911 Census:** Augustus is now a soldier at Aldershot Barracks, in the Infantry, Bedfordshire Regiment. His family are living at Ponsbourne Park, Lower Lodge, Newgate Street. Father, Charles is working as a Woodman.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, February 1915:** Ponsbourne News, Roll of Honour, *Augustus Speller who fell at the front on October 26. At the front: - Water Speller and Herbert Speller.*

Charles and Hetty Speller had 7 children, 2 died at an early age; their 4 sons perished in the war, the remaining child a daughter survived.

Brother to Herbert, Leonard & Walter Speller

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Hetty Speller of New Park Lodge received an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".

## Speller, Herbert James.



**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. Memorial**  
**St Mary's Church**



**Albert Communal Cemetery**  
**Extension**



**Royal Engineers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SPELLER, H. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Sapper
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Engineers 179 <sup>th</sup> Coy
<b>Age:</b>	27
<b>Date of Death:</b>	16/11/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	139146
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Charles and Hetty Speller of New Park Lodge, Newgate St. Hertford.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I.Q.19
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">ALBERT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Herbert Speller, Birth place: Stanstead: Essex, Death date: 16 Nov 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: SPR., Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers, Number: 139146, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: Formerly 7281, Bedford Regt. (179<sup>th</sup> Tunn. Coy. R.E.)

**Roll of Other Ranks serving with 179<sup>th</sup> Tunnelling Company Royal Engineers 1915-18:** 179 Coy WD 22/8/1915 15 OR Bedfords arrive. 179 Coy WD 16/11/16: Killed whilst carrying timber at S.3.c.6.6. SDGW: KIA. The 179<sup>th</sup> at the time of his death was tunnelling in the La Boisselle Sector.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. From the medal card Herbert joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment No. 4/7281, and later transferred to the Royal Engineers.

**Further Research:** Herbert James Speller was born c.1887 at Henham, Essex.

**1891 Census:** Herbert, age 4, is living with his parents, Charles and Hetty and seven siblings (three are step children) at Widdington, Essex. Charles is working as an Agriculture labourer, the record shows that Charles was born at Elsenham, Essex and Hetty at Henham, Essex.

**1901 Census:** The family are living at Little Amwell, Hertford, Herbert, age, 14 is working as a rope maker.

**1911 Census:** Herbert is living at Pickworth Stamford, Lincolnshire, and working as an Estate Woodman. His family are living at Ponsbourne Park, Lower Lodge, Newgate Street. Charles (father) working as a Woodman.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine February 1915:** Ponsbourne News ... At the front: - Walter Speller and Herbert Speller.

Charles and Hetty Speller had 7 children, 2 died at an early age; their 4 sons perished in the war, the remaining child a daughter survived.

Brother to Augustus, Leonard and Walter Speller

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Hetty Speller of New Park Lodge received a Silver Matchbox.

## Speller, Leonard W.



**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. Memorial**  
**St Mary's Church**



**CWGC, Leonard Speller**  
**St Mary's Churchyard**



**Royal Field Artillery**

### **CWGC Entry**

<b>Name:</b>	SPELLER, L. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Gunner
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Field Artillery
<b>Date of Death:</b>	05/06/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	124635
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b><u>PONSBOURNE (OR NEWGATE ST.) ST MARY CHURCHYARD</u></b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919: Leonard Walter Speller, Birth Place: Hertford, Death date: Home, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Gunner, Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, Number: 124635, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Home

Leonard was badly wounded at Shoburyness, which was a training base for the Royal Artillery. He died at home of his wounds.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

**Further Research:** Leonard was born at Widington, Essex, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 1893.

**1901 Census:** Leonard, age 9, is living with his parents Charles and Hetty and four siblings at Little Amwell, Hertford, he is attending school. Father, Charles is a general labourer.

**1911 Census:** Leonard is living with his family at Ponsbourne Park, Lower Lodge, Newgate Street. He is working as a woodman.

Charles and Hetty Speller had 7 children, 2 died at an early age; their 4 sons perished in the war, the remaining child a daughter survived.

Brother of Augustus, Herbert and Walter Speller

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Speller (Widow) c/o New Park Lodge received an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".



## Speller, Walter John.



**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. Memorial**  
**St Mary's Church**



**Tyne Cot Memorial**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SPELLER. W. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	30/10/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	10044
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 48 to 50 and 162A
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">TYNE COT MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Ponsbourne/Newgate St. War Memorial:** Yes

Gives regiment as the Machine gun Corps.

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Walter John Speller, Birth place: Hundson, Herts., Residence: Hertford, Death date: 30 Oct 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Corporal, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 10044, type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

**Further Research:** Walter John Speller was born c.1894 at Hunsdon Herts.

**1901 Census:** Walter, age 6, is living with his parents Charles and Hetty and four siblings at Little Amwell, Hertford. Walter's Father, Charles was born at Elsenham Essex, and his mother Hetty at Henham Essex.

**1911 Census:** The family are living at Ponsbourne Park, Lower Lodge, Newgate Street. Walter, age 16, is working as an agricultural labourer.

Charles and Hetty Speller had 7 children, 2 died at an early age; their 4 sons perished in the war, the remaining child a daughter survived.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, February 1915:** Ponsbourne News, Roll of Honour, *Augustus Speller who fell at the front on October 26. At the front: - Water Speller and Herbert Speller.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1917:** Ponsbourne News, Roll of Honour, *It is with much regret we have to announce that news has been received of the death of Corporal Walter John Speller. Much sympathy is felt for the parents as this is the third son they have lost in the war.*

Brother to Augustus, Herbert and Leonard Speller

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Hetty Speller of New Park Lodge received an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".



## Springett, Frederick Richard.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**  
([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**Cambrai Memorial, Louveral**



**Royal Sussex Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SPRINGETT, F. R.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Sussex Regiment 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	25/11/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	G/15645
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 7
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">CAMBRAI MEMORIAL, LOUVERVAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

D.O.D. in Album and on the Hatfield memorial is 25/11/1916 and his Regiment given as 7<sup>th</sup> Essex Regiment.

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Frederick Richard Springett, Death date: 25 Nov 1917, Death location: British Expeditionary Force, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment, Battalion: 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: G/15645, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. The medal card shows that Frederick joined the Herts. Regiment service No. 6058 and was later transferred into the Royal Sussex Regiment

### **Further Research:**

Frederick born at Winslow, Buckinghamshire, c.1898.

**1901 Census:** Frederick, age 3, is living with his parents, Richard and Nellie and younger sister at Cumberland Rd. Ramsgate, Kent. Father, Richard is a Police Constable.

**1911 Census:** Frederick, age 13, is living with parents and five siblings at Hatfield Hyde. His Father is now working as a Game Keeper (Domestic). According to this census Frederick was born in Ramsgate, Kent. His mother was born in Winslow, Buckinghamshire.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, January 1918:** Roll of Honour. *We regret to announce the death of Private Frederick Springett who was killed in action last month at the early age of nineteen and great sympathy is felt for his father and family not only in the Hyde but throughout the parish.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr Springett (Father) of Gravel Pit Cottages, Hatfield Hyde, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Spriggs, Frederick W.



Lemsford War Memorial



Serre Road Cemetery No. 2



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SPRIGGS, Frederick William
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11/07/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	14200
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	XXIX. J. 5.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">Serre Road Cemetery No 2.</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Lemsford War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919, Frederick William Spriggs, Birth Place: Lemsford, Herts, Death Date: 11 Jul 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 2nd Battalion, Number: 14200, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research

**1901 Census:** Frederick, age 4, is living in Lemsford with his parents, William and Elizabeth and siblings. His Father is an agricultural labourer.

**1911 Census:** Frederick, age 14, is still living in Lemsford with his now widowed Mother and brothers. Frederick is still at school.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Lemsford News: The War .....*the following young men have enlisted.....Frederick Spriggs.....*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1915:** Lemsford News: War Item.....*since our last issue.....Frederick Spriggs.....have gone to the Front.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1916:** Lemsford News: War notes.....*of those whose homes are actually in this Parish, Frederick Spriggs who endeared himself to so many among us, is the only one whom we know definitely to have laid down his life for his Country.....*

Brother of George Spriggs

## Spriggs, George



Lemsford War Memorial



Zantvoorde British Cemetery



Hertfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SPRIGGS, G.
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	29/10/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	266609
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	III.E.25.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">Zantvoorde British Cemetery</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Lemsford War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** George Spriggs, Residence: Wheathampstead, Death date: 29 Oct 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 266609, Type of casualty: killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** George, age 8, is living with his parents William and Elizabeth and siblings in Lemsford. His father is an agricultural labourer

**1911 Census:** George is now living with his widowed Mother and brothers in Lemsford. George is working as a farm labourer/horseman.

Brother of Frederick W. Spriggs.

## Stallon or Stallan, Albert Thomas.



**Hatfield War Memorial**



**Wimereux Communal Cemetery**



**Lincolnshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	STALLAN, A. T.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Lincolnshire Regiment 8 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	19
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11/10/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	235093
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Henry Stallan, of 1 Cecil Cottage, Roe Green, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Died of Wounds
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VI.C.29
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">WIMEREUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

There is some confusion as to the spelling of the surname, The War Memorial, and Album spell the name as Stallon, the official records give the spelling as Stallan.

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Albert Stallan, Residence: St Albans, Herts., Death date: 11 Oct 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Lincolnshire, Battalion: 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 235093, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Front, Comments 5562, Herts. Regt.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. From the medal card, Albert enrolled in the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regiment and was later transferred to the Lincolnshire regiment

### **Further Research:**

**1911 Census:** Albert, age 12, is living with his parents, Henry and Eliza and 4 siblings at 1 Cecil Cottages, Roe Green, Hatfield. Father, Henry, is working as a farm labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1915:** Fifteenth List of men Mobilised from Hatfield. *Stallon, Thomas Albert, Roe Green, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regiment.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1917:** Hatfield Roll of Honour. *Another loss we have to mourn is that of Pte. Albert Stallan 4/1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Who has been killed in action. – The first to be lost to his Father out of a long and honourable list of soldier sons.*



**New Town & Roe Green  
Memorial  
St Luke's Church**

Brother to Arthur and William Stallan/Stallon

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr Henry Stallon (Father) of 1, Cecil Cottages, Roe Green, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Stallan or Stallon, Arthur Ernest.



Hatfield War Memorial



Voormezele Enclosure No 3



Hertfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	STALLAN, A. E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	21
<b>Date of Death:</b>	30/04/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	265398
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	XIV.B.7
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">VOORMEZELE ENCLOSURE NO3</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials: Yes

There is some confusion as to the spelling of the surname, the War Memorial and Album spell the name as Stallon), the official records give the spelling as Stallan

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Arthur Stallan, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 30 Apr 1918, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Rank: Private, Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment, Number: 265398, Type of casualty: Killed in action: Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

Arthur born in Hatfield c.1897.

**1911 Census:** Arthur, age 14, is living with his parents Henry and Eliza and 4 siblings at 1 Cecil Cottages, Roe Green, Hatfield. Father, Henry, and Arthur are farm labourers. (Spelling on the census is Stallan)

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield; *Stallan, Arthur, Roe Green, Territorials.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, June 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour, *Roe Green again suffered seriously ... While Mr Stallan has lost a third son Pte. Arthur Stallan, only a month after the death of Pte William Stallan. His other son Sergt. H. Stallan, DCM having recently been wounded.*

### **Herts Advertiser, 15.6.1918**

*Hatfield Family's third Loss*

*Pte Arthur Stallon, Herts. Regt., son of Mr Stallon and the late Mrs Stallon of Hatfield was killed in action on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1918. He sailed for France in November 1914 and acted as groom to the late Colonel Page until May, 1917 when he came home to England suffering from septic poisoning, he returned to France again in January 1918. Before joining up he was employed on the Marquis of Salisbury's estate, Hatfield. Mr Stallon has lost two other sons in the war. Pte William Stallon, Beds Regt., killed in action on April 4<sup>th</sup> 1918 and Pte Albert*



*Stallon, Lincoln Regt who died of gas poisoning on October 11<sup>th</sup> 1917. Another brother, Sergt. Henry Stallon DCM Beds Regt., has been wounded and is at present in hospital in this country. Driver Wood, Son-in-law is now serving in France.*

Brother to Albert and William Stallan/Stallon

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr Henry Stallon (Father) of 1 Cecil Cottages, Roe Green, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



**Newtown & Roe Green Memorial**  
**St Luke's Church**

## Stallan or Stallon, William.



Hatfield War Memorial



Pozières Memorial



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	STALLAN, W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	24
<b>Date of Death:</b>	04/04/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	33767
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 28 and 29
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">POZIERES MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorial:** Yes

There is some confusion as to the spelling of the surname, the War Memorial and Album, spell the name as Stallon), the official records give the spelling as Stallan.

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** William Stallan, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: St Albans, Death date: 4 Apr 1918, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: Watford, Herts., Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number 33767, type of casualty, Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

**Further Research:** William born in Hatfield c.1894.

**1911 Census:** William, age 17, is living with his parents Henry and Eliza and 4 siblings at 1 Cecil Cottages, Roe Green, Hatfield. Father, Henry and William are Farm Labourers (Census spelling of the name is Stallan)

**Bishop's Hatfield Magazine, October 1917:** Wounded, William Stallan 5<sup>th</sup> Beds.

**Bishop's Hatfield Magazine, May 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour, Mr Stallan of Roe Green has lost another son in Pte. William Stallan this loss follows hard on the last.

**Herts. Advertiser, 11. 5.1918:** Private W Stallan (Stallan?)

William Stallan, second son of Mr and Mrs Stallan of Roe Green, Hatfield, in civil life resided at Tyttenhanger was killed in action on 4<sup>th</sup> April while serving with the Beds Regt in France. Mrs W Stallan, widow, has received a sympathetic letter from his commanding officer in which her husband is described as a xxxxxx soldier and was well-regarded by his comrades. She also derives some comfort from the fact that his death was instantaneous. This is the second son Mr and Mrs Stallan have lost in the war. They have two others still serving. The widow is left with a little boy to mourn their loss.

Brother to Albert and Arthur Stallon

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr Henry Stallon (Father) of 1, Cecil Cottages, Roe Green, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



Newtown & Roe Green Memorial  
St Luke's Church

## Starkey, James Andrew.



Hatfield War Memorial



Bishop's Hatfield St Luke's Cemetery,



Royal Airforce

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	STARKEY, J. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Air Mechanic 1 <sup>st</sup> Class
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Air Force
<b>Date of Death:</b>	06/11/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	208863
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	3. 6
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">BISHOPS HATFIELD (St LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield & Hatfield Hyde War Memorials: Yes

### Service Record:

Medal Card: Awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

### Further Research:

His birth was registered in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 1893,

**1901 Census:** James, age 7, is living at Mill Green with his parents, Alfred and Martha and Siblings. Father, Alfred is a general engineer with his own company.

**1911 Census:** James age 17 and a student, is still living with his parents at Mill Green.

James Starkey was a pupil at the Hatfield Collegiate Schools, Dagmar House. There is a memorial to the pupils from this school that died in the Great War

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour - *We regret to announce the death of James Starkey, who died of pneumonia, while serving his King and Country at Lincoln. His body was brought to Hatfield and he was laid to rest among his own people, in company with those of our men whose bodies have been brought home to rest.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr A Starkey (Father) of Mill Green, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



The Memorial in  
St Etheldreda's Church Hatfield

Family Memorial  
St Luke's Church  
SP 13/6



In loving memory.....  
also our beloved son,  
James Andrew Starkey AMI RAF  
November 6<sup>th</sup> 1918  
aged 25



## Stockbridge, Alan Abel.



**Hatfield War Memorial**



**Le Touret Memorial**



**Hertfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	STOCKBRIDGE, A. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment H Coy
<b>Age:</b>	19
<b>Date of Death:</b>	18/05/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	3207
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Thomas and Mary Stockbridge of Victoria House, Walkern, Stevenage, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 47
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">LE TOURET MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** British Army WW1 Service Records, 1914-1920: (Badly Damaged) Alan Stockbridge enlisted in the Herts. Regiment at Hertford on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1914, he gave his age as 19 years 5 months (although according to the census he would only be 17). He was 5ft 3inches tall, had a fresh complexion, brown eyes and hair and was working as a bottler. The address for his parents Thomas and Mary is listed as High Walkern, Stevenage although there is an address for a T. Stockbridge at Viaduct Villas, Park St. Hatfield. Alan went to France 21/01/1915.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

**Further Research:** Alan was born at Stapleford Herts., in the second qtr. of 1897.

**1901 Census:** Alan, age 3, is living with his parents Thomas and Mary and four siblings at Bexley in Kent. Father, Thomas, is working as Manager at a mineral water manufacturing plant.

**1911 Census:** Alan, age 13, is working as a boy under training for the sea at The Navy League Sea Training Home, Birkenhead, Cheshire; his parents are living in Eastbourne.

By the time Alan joined up in 1914, he is listed as living at Brewery Cottages, Hatfield (see below)

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** 2<sup>nd</sup> List of men mobilised from Hatfield, *Stockbridge, Alan, Brewery Cottages, Kings Royal Rifle Corps.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1915:** War Items - *Although Mr and Mrs Stockbridge no longer live here, yet mention of their gallant sons, Alan and Gordon, who enlisted at Hatfield cannot be omitted. Major Page Crofts has personally written testifying to their bravery. All must feel greatly for their double loss.*

Brother to Cedric Gordon Stockbridge

## Stockbridge, Cedric Gordon.



Hatfield War Memorial



Le Touret Memorial



Hertfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	STOCKBRIDGE, C. G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment H Coy.
<b>Age:</b>	18
<b>Date of Death:</b>	18/05/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	2617
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Thomas and Mary Stockbridge of Victoria House, Walkern, Stevenage Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 47
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">LE TOURET MEMORIAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: No

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920:** (Badly damaged) Cedric attested 01/09/1914 at Hertford in the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts., he gave his age as 19yrs 4mths, (although according to census records he would only be 16) he was 5ft 5inches tall with a fresh complexion, grey eyes and dark brown hair and was working as a mineral water maker. The address for his parents, Thomas and Mary was given as High St. Walkern Stevenage, although there is an address for a T. Stockbridge, Viaduct villas, Park Street, Hatfield, by the side of this is written, Rohilla, High St. Walkern.  
See Casualty Form – Active Service, next page.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

**Further Research:** Born 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 1898, at Hertford.

**1901 Census:** Cedric, age 2, is living with his parents, Thomas and Mary, 4 siblings and a boarder in Bexley, Kent. Father, Thomas is a mineral water worker (manager).

**1911 census:** Cedric, age 12 and at school, is living with living with his family and a boarder in Eastbourne, Kent. His Father is still a mineral water worker.

By the time Cedric joined up in 1914, he is listed as living at Brewery Cottages Hatfield. (See below)

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** 2<sup>nd</sup> List of men mobilised from Hatfield, *Stockbridge, Gordon, Brewery Cottages, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts., Territorials.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, July 1915:** War Items *Although Mr and Mrs Stockbridge no longer live here, yet mention of their gallant sons, Alan and Gordon, who enlisted at Hatfield, cannot be omitted. Major Page Crofts has personally written testifying to their bravery. All must feel greatly for their double loss.*

Brother to Alan Abel Stockbridge

Regimental No. 2617 Rank Pte Name Stockbridge C.G.  
Enlisted (a) 1-9-14 Terms of Service (a) 4 Yrs. Service reckons from (a) 1-9-14  
Date of promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }  
present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }  
Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
22 10	O.C. No. 10 Admitted to O.C. No. 10 Clearing Co.	Admitted to 10th Infantry Clearing Co. (1918). O.C. 1919	Chongqing	1918 1919	A 36 A 36.
15 1/15 31/15	O.C. No. 6 Admitted to - do -	Admitted to 6th Infantry Clearing Co. (1918). O.C. 1919 Discharged (Wound). O.C. 1919	-	1918 1919	A 36 A 36.
14 3/15 5/15	O.C. No. 4 Admitted to - do -	Admitted to 4th Infantry Base Depot Transferred to Rejoined Battalion Killed in action	Chongqing Korea In No.	1918 1918 1918	A 36 A 36 A 36

(b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

## Strong, James William (or William James)



Lemsford War Memorial



Rue-Des-Berceaux Military Cemetery



Lancashire Fusiliers

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	STRONG, J. W.
<b>Rank:</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Lancashire Fusiliers 18 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	23
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11/06/1916
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of William and Annie Strong of "Moorhayes", London Rd., St. Albans
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	1.F.7.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">Rue-Des-Berceaux Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoue</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** No

**Lemsford War Memorial:** Yes. Listed as William J Strong.

**Service Record: Uk, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** James William Strong, Death date: 11 June 1916, Rank: Temp Lieutenant, Regiment: Lancashire Fusiliers, Battalion: 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Further information: Father living at "Moorhayes", London Rd., St. Albans.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** James, age 8, and born in St. Pancras, London, is living with his parents, William and Annie and siblings in Islington, London. His Father is a Sheep and Cattle Dealer.

**1911 Census:** James, age 18, is now living with his parents, one sister and two servants at Water End Farm Hse. Wheathampstead. He is working as an assistant farm manager. His Father is still a cattle salesman.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1916:** Lemsford News. A short memorial service was held on Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> in memory of those men belonging to this parish and neighbourhood who have fallen in the War.....James Strong.....

### St Alban's Times 24.6.1916:

The Late Lieut. W. J. Strong. "Loved by His Men".

In reference to the death in action on June 11<sup>th</sup> of Second Lieut. William J. Strong of the 18<sup>th</sup> Lancaster Fusiliers, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. Strong of Waterend, Wheathampstead, which was announced in last week's "Herts. Advertiser" the following letter has been received by Mr Strong from the Colonel of his son's battalion: - "It is with a sad heart that I write to tell you that your dear son was killed last night when returning to our lines after a raid, I cannot express on paper how much I feel for you and yours in your sorrow. He was the most popular officer in my battalion, with all the ranks and without exaggeration I may say he was loved by his men. Always cheerful and full of humour he had done excellent work since his arrival and I had only recently recommended him for promotion. He was my best patrol officer, being absolutely fearless and always cool and collected. During a recent bombardment he showed exceptional courage and initiative and his service on this occasion was personally thanked both by the Divisional and Brigadier - Generals. Had he lived he would certainly have been awarded the Military Cross for his work last night. I feel his loss both as an officer and a friend more than I can express on paper".



## Sunderland, Robert.



Hatfield War Memorial



Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension



Royal Engineers

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	SUNDERLAND, R.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Sapper
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Engineers 79 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	12/08/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	59276
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I. K. 3
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">ERQUINGHEM-LYS CHURCHYARD EXTENSION</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Robert Sunderland, Birth place: Thornbury, Lincs., Residence: **Hatfield, Herts.**, Death date: 12 Aug 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Spr., Regiment Corps of Royal Engineers, Number: 59276, Type of casualty: Died, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, comments: 79<sup>th</sup> Field Coy., R.E.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional information Robert died of wounds.

### Further Research:

**1891 Census:** Robert George Sunderland, age 10, born in Waltham, Lincolnshire, is living with his parents, Charles and Sarah and one brother, in Hill Street, St Albans. Father, Charles is a plumber.

**1901 Census:** The family are now living at 107 Verulamium Rd, St Albans. His father, Charles, is now a retired plumber. Robert is 20 and working as a postman. Robert married in St Albans in 1907.

**1911 Census:** Robert, age 31, is a visitor to the house of a Mr & Mrs Pritchard in Stroud, Gloucestershire. He is working as a gas fitter/building contractor.

**Bishops Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour, *Killed in Action, Robert Sunderland, Royal Engineers. "Private Robert Sunderland was killed in action by a shell, and never regained consciousness," so wrote the Chaplain, announcing the sad news, May we express earnest sympathy with his widowed mother, and his other relatives who must feel proud to think he has died a soldier's death and thankful that he cannot have suffered.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Sunderland (Mother) near the East Indian Chief, Fore Street, Hatfield received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



## Taylor, Christopher G.



Hatfield War Memorial



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Machine Gun Corps

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	TAYLOR, C.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Machine Gun Corps 36 Coy.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	17/10/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	163257
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	V. F. 27
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">TERLINTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY WIMILLE</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Christopher Taylor, Birth place: Hatfield Herts., Death date: 17 Oct 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hatfield, Rank: Private, Regiment: Machine Gun Corps, Battalion: (Infantry), Number: 163257, Type of casualty: Died of wounds, Theatre of War: Western European Front, Comments: Formerly 2359, Herts. Regt.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Additional information Christopher enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Hertfordshire Regiment, No. 2359, and was later transferred to the Machine Gun Corps, No. 163257

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Christopher born in Halesworth in 1898 is living with his parents, Ernest and Annie and siblings, in Halesworth, Suffolk. Father, Ernest, is working as a brewer's labourer.

**1911 Census:** Christopher, age 12, a scholar is living with his family in Park St, Hatfield. Father, Ernest, is working at the Hatfield Gas Company, as a gas stoker.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1914:** List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield. *Taylor, Christopher, Park St. Territorials*

**Herts. Advertiser. 1.6.1918:** Pte Christopher Taylor of Park Street Hatfield who went out with the Herts. Regt. in 1914 is also suffering from gas poisoning and is in hospital in Birmingham. He was wounded in August last.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, November 1918:** Private Christopher Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. and M.G.C. Killed October 17<sup>th</sup> at the age of 20 had a remarkable career. He enlisted at the age of 16 and was one of the heroes of the retreat from Mons, and though stretcher bearer and bomber in turn, passed unscathed until he met his death. He was wounded in the back and thigh and died we thankfully say, after only a short suffering in the 14<sup>th</sup> Stationary Hospital. His brother we note received the military medal.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs E, Taylor (Mother) of Halls Yard, Park St., Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".

## Tims, Robert.



Lemsford War Memorial



Jerusalem War Cemetery



London Irish Rifles

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	TIMS. R.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Rifleman
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	London Regiment (London Irish Rifles) 2 <sup>nd</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Date of Death:</b>	23/12/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	591917
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mrs. R. Tims of Lemsford, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	T. 26
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">JERUSALEM WAR CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Lemsford War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** Robert Timms, Birth Place: Hertford, Residence: Kensington Palace Gardens, Death date: 23 Dec 1917, Death location: Egypt, Rank: Rifleman, Regiment: London Regiment, Battalion: 18<sup>th</sup> (County of London) Battalion (London Irish Rifles), Number: 591917, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Egyptian Theatre.  
Robert is also on the Irish War casualties list

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Robert, age 8, born c.1892 in Lemsford, is living with his widowed mother and five siblings in Lemsford Village. Mother, Betsy, is working as a water cress grower

**1911 Census,** Robert, age 18, is living at Little Barford House, St Neots, Huntingdonshire and working as a Hall Boy.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, April 1917:** Lemsford News, *Mrs Tims has heard from her son Robert, who has arrived safely in Salonika.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, February 1918:** Lemsford News, *Once more with great regret, we have to record bad news of one of our Lemsford soldiers, Rifleman Robert Tims of the 2/18<sup>th</sup> London Irish Rifles, having lost his life in action in Palestine on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. He was the youngest son of a large family and much sympathy is felt for his mother, especially as it was some time since she had seen him, owing to his being so far away from home.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, March 1918:** Lemsford News, *On Sunday evening Feb 17<sup>th</sup> a memorial service was held in the parish church for Private Robert Tims, Killed in Action on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Many of his relations and friends were present, all anxious to show their sympathy with those who mourn his loss. A wreath of evergreen and snowdrops was placed around the "Roll of Honour", which hangs just inside by Mrs John Sears.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs R. Timms (Mother) no address given, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Tyler Albert E.



**Hatfield War Memorial**



**Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial**



**Bedfordshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	TYLER, A. E.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion
<b>Date of Death:</b>	21/04/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	14344
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed In Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 31 and 33
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Albert Tyler, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 21 Apr 1915, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Number: 14322, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Card list Albert as “died of wounds”.

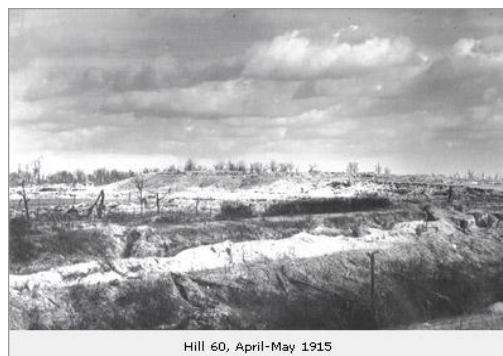
### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** There is an Albert E. Tyler, age 4, born in Lemsford in 1897, living with his parents, Percy Samuel and Matilda Elizabeth and three siblings in Lemsford. Father, Percy is a domestic gardener.

**1911 Census:** An A.E. Tyler, age 14, is still living with his parents and siblings, now at Warren Lodge, Hatfield. Albert is a garden boy and his Father is still a garden labourer.

**Bishop’s Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** List of Men Mobilised, *Tyler, Albert, Woodside, 4<sup>th</sup> Bedfordshire Regiment.*

**Bishop’s Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1915:** War items. *It is with great sadness and some reluctance that Albert Tyler’s name is placed amongst the number of those who have given their lives for their country. His parents have finally renounced all hope as no news is attainable. Indeed there is but very little doubt that he fell in the first Hill 60 fight. All must feel deeply for his father and mother who so bravely kept up hope for many months, alas in vain.*



Hill 60, April-May 1915

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr P. S. Tyler of Rose Cottages, Potters Bar received an “In Memoriam and roll of Honour Album”.

Hill 60

## Tyler, Bertie (Albert).



**Hatfield War Memorial**



**Wellington Cemetery, Riexen-Cambresis**



**West Riding Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	TYLER, B.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) 1 <sup>st</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11/10/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	25412
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed In Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II. F. 9
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">WELLINGTON CEMETERY, RIEXEN-CAMBRESIS</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield War Memorial:** Yes

**Service Record:** British WW1 Service Records. 1914-1920: At the time Bertie was attested on the 07/09/1916, he was 18 and living at Wild Hill, Hatfield and gave his occupation as a Cowman. The record shows that he was born in Digswell. He was 5ft 5inches tall. He joined the Army Reserves Suffolk Regiment No 9941, and was mobilised 04/03/1917, serving in France from 13/09/1917 till 23/03/1918. He came home due to sickness, and returned to France 06/09/1918 and was killed in action on the 11/10/1918. The date is not clear when he was transferred to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, West Riding Regt. No. 25412.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1911 Census:** Bertie, age 12 and at school, is living with his parents James and Emily and siblings, in Welham Green, North Mymms. Father, James, is working as a horseman.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Tyler (Mother) of Wild Hill received an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".



## Walby, Sidney. M.M



Lemsford War Memorial



Unicorn Cemetery, Vendhuile



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WALBY, S.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Sergeant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	21/09/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	15023
<b>Additional information:</b>	Awards M.M
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II. E. 28
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">UNICORN CEMETERY VENDHUILE</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Lemsford War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Sidney Walby, Birth Place: Lemsford, Herts., Residence: Lemsford, Death date: 21 Sep 1918, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Sergeant, Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Number: 15023, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal British and War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Sidney, age 4, born and living at Cromer Hyde, Lemsford, with his parents George an agricultural Labourer, Mother, Harriet Ann and siblings.

**1911 Census:** Sidney, age 14, is still living with his family and working as farm labourer at Cromer Hyde.

**Bishops Hatfield Magazine, October 1914:** Lemsford News. *The names of parishioners and their relatives serving in the colours have been posted up in the Church porch. Mr Ladbury has kindly written out the names, and Mr John Sear has provided the frame. Of those in the district whose names appear on the list..... The following young men have enlisted..... Sidney Walby ....*

**Bishops Hatfield Magazine, November 1918:** Lemsford News. War Notes, *The war has again brought sorrow to a Lemsford home Mr and Mrs Walby of Cromer Hyde, have received news of the death in action of their son Sergeant Sidney Walby of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. Bedfordshire Regiment on September 21<sup>st</sup>. He joined the army in Sept. 1914 and went to France in the following July, where he distinguished himself, earning his promotion to the rank of sergeant, and on June 10<sup>th</sup> of this year he was awarded the Military Medal.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Walby (Mother) of Cromer Hyde received a Silver Matchbox.



**The Military Medal**



## Walker, Albert William.



Hatfield War Memorial



Bishops Hatfield St. Luke's Cemetery



Royal Army Service Corps

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WALKER, A. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Sergeant (Saddler)
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Army Service Corps No 1 H.T. Coy.
<b>Age:</b>	31
<b>Date of Death:</b>	19/02/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	T/15071
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I.I. 16
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>BISHOPS HATFIELD (St. LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</b>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: British WW1 Service Records 1914-1920:** The record shows that Albert attested into the Army Service Corps as a boy at the age of 14yrs 9mths, for 12 years, in 1899. He was born in the village of Hound near Southampton, Hants, around 1884, and was enlisted into the army at the age of 18. He was promoted to Saddle Sergeant 05/08/1914. He died after a short illness at the London General Hospital, Denmark Hill, 19/02/1915. His connection with Hatfield was with his mother Mrs E. Halley who was living at the Bakers Arms Hatfield.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1891 Census:** There is an Albert Walker, age 6, living with his Grandparents, George and Elizabeth Plowman and two uncles at Hound Road, Bullocks Heath, Hound St Mary, Southampton. George Plowman is a porter on the L. & S.W. Railway,

**1901 Census:** An Albert Walker, age 16, is a patient at the District Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot Military in Stanhope & Wellington Lines. He is a boy A.S.Corps.

**1911 Census:** Albert, age 27, is with the Army Service Corps in Gibraltar. His rank is Saddler Corporal.

**Bishop's Hatfield Magazine, March 1915:** Hatfield Roll of Honour. *Sergeant Walker's death under an operation was a cruel blow to his mother, Mrs Halley. Sergeant Walker had been invalided home from the front, where he had been in action some time. Though not a Hatfield man, he belonged to us through his relations, for whom much sympathy is felt. His funeral was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> with military honours as was fitting....*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Halley (Mother) of Back Street (Church Street) Hatfield received and "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".

Family memorial  
St Luke's Church  
P1 26/20



In loving memory  
Sadler Sergeant  
Albert William Walker A.S.C.  
who died on active service  
February 1915 aged 30 years



Military Funeral of Sergeant Albert Walker, A.S.C. at Hatfield Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1915.

## Walker, James Hope.



**Hatfield War Memorial**



**Bishops Hatfield St Luke's Churchyard**



**Royal flying Corps**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WALKER, J. H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Second Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Flying Corps
<b>Age:</b>	20
<b>Date of Death:</b>	16/03/1917
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Thomas George and Helen Black Walker of Symonds Hyde Hatfield Formerly served in London Scottish
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	2.I.9
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>BISHOPS HATFIELD (ST. LUKE'S) CHURCHYARD</b>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: James Hope Walker, Death date 16 Mar 1917, Rank: 2/Lieutenant, Regiment: Royal Flying Corps, Type of casualty: Killed, Comments: Gen Lis.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. The card shows that James joined the 14<sup>th</sup> London Regiment No. 4335, served in France with the Regiment. Transferred to the Flying Core 25/09/1916.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** James, age 4, and born in Kirkliston, Scotland in 1897, lived with his parents Thomas and Helen and siblings at Hyde Hall Sandon, Hertfordshire. Father, Thomas is a farmer.

**1911 Census:** James, age 14, is still living with his parents, six siblings and a servant now at Symonds Hyde, Hatfield, where his Father is now farming

James Hope Walker was a pupil at the Hatfield Collegiate Schools, Dagmar House. There is a memorial to the pupils that died in St Etheldreda's Church, Hatfield.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1915:** 9<sup>th</sup> List of men from Hatfield - Walker James H, Symonds Hyde, London Scottish.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, April 1917:** Hatfield Roll Of Honour - Killed J. Walker RFC. Our very deep sympathy will go out to our much respected Churchwarden Mr. Walker and his Wife on the death of their brave son while flying.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs T. G. Walker (Mother) of Symonds Hyde Farm, received an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".



**Newtown & Roe Green  
Memorial  
St Luke's Church**

Family memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P2 2/12



In loving memory  
James Hope Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. RFC  
who gave his life for his country  
16<sup>th</sup> March 1917 aged 20

Hatfield Collegiate College  
Memorial



St Etheldreda's Church  
Hatfield



## Warren, Harry V.



Hatfield War Memorial



Guillemont Road Cemetery,



Royal Fusiliers

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WARREN, H.V.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Fusiliers 9 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	29/08/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	78219
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II.H.2
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">GUILLEMONT ROAD CEMETERY, GUILLEMONT</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Harry Vincent Warren, Birth place: Hatfield, Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 29 Aug 1918, Death location: France and Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), Battalion: 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number 78219, Type of casualty: Killed in action: Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: Formerly TR/Lon/136140, 53<sup>rd</sup> R. Fus.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal,.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Harry, age 1, is living with his parents, Alfred V. A. and Hetty and siblings in Union Lane, Hatfield. Father, Alfred, is a Groom/Coachman.

**1911 Census:** Harry, age 11, and at school, is living with his now widowed Father and two sisters, in Union Lane, Hatfield. Alfred is still working as a coachman.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour. *As we go to press, we learn of the death of Private Henry Warren, 9<sup>th</sup> Bn. Royal Fusiliers, who was killed in action. We have as yet no details, but the fact he was under 19, tells that his death was a ready sacrifice for home and all that he held dear.....*

**Bishop' Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1918:** Hatfield Roll of Honour. *Our list, alas! of the dead is not yet at an end. By inadvertence we omitted from our last number the name of Harry Warren, of Union Lane, whose death should have appeared in the November Magazine. That one, who served for so long and so gallantly, should be killed at the very end of the war, must increase the sorrow for his father and sisters, for whom we feel much sympathy.*



Newtown & Roe Green  
Memorial  
St Luke's Church

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr A Warren (Father) of Union Lane, Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album.



## Webb, Harry.



Hatfield War Memorial



Bagneux British Cemetery Gezaincourt



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WEBB, H.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	25/05/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	265541
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John and Sarah Webb, of Pond Hill, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Died of Wounds
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	II. A. 24
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">BAGNEUX BRITISH CEMETERY GEZAINCOURT</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record: British Army Service Records, 1914-1920:** Harry attested at Hertford on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1914, age 19, into the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts Regiment, No.2601 His occupation was given as bottler at brewery. 08/08/1917 received gunshot wound to left wrist. 09/11/1917 received gunshot wound to right arm. He was posted to the 6<sup>th</sup> Bedfordshire Regiment on 15.3.1918 and then the 4<sup>th</sup> Bedfordshire Battalion on 19.3.1918. On the 31.3.1918 he was promoted to Lance Corporal and then to Corporal on the 16.5.1918. On the 25/05/1918 he received a gunshot wound to the jaw and right arm, in the field at Aveluy, from which he died.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** Harry, age 6, born Hatfield in 1895, is living with his parents, John and Sarah Ann and siblings, in Batterdale, Hatfield. Father, John, is a house painter.

**1911 Census:** The family are living at Pond Hill, Hatfield. Harry, age 15, is working as a grocer's assistant.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield. *Webb, H, Pond Hill, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts Territorials.*

### Herts. Advertiser, 8.6.18:

*Cpl. H. Webb, aged 22 Beds Regt., youngest son of Mr and Mrs Webb of Batterdale, Hatfield has died of wounds received in action on May 25<sup>th</sup>. He enlisted along with his elder brother, Lance*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mr John Webb (Father) of Pond Hill, Hatfield, received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".

## Webster, George Thomas.



**Hatfield War Memorial**



**Rue-Du-Bois Military Cemetery,  
Fleurbaix**



**Kings Own Yorkshire  
Light Infantry**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WEBSTER, G.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 8 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	01/02/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	15727
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Charlotte Webster, of Ground Lane, Hatfield, Herts. and the late Alfred Webster
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action near Ypres
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	I.D. 22
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">RUE-DU-BOIS MILITARY CEMETERY FLEURBAIX</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers died in the Great War, 1914-1919: George Webster, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Death Location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Doncaster, Rank: Corporal, Regiment: King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry), Battalion: 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 15727, Type of casualty: Killed in Action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal,.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** George, age 7, born 1894 in Hatfield, is living with his widowed Mother, Charlotte, who was working as a matron to the Police Station, and siblings.

**1911 Census:** George, age 17, is a boarder at 44 North Street, Luton, and working as a Lad Porter for the GNR.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1914:** 4<sup>th</sup> List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield, Webster George Thomas, Ground Lane, Kings Own Light Infantry.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, March 1916:** Hatfield Roll of Honour. Killed in Action..... George Webster, Corporal, K.O.Y.L.I. War Notes – *The Roll of Honour includes two of our Hatfield men who died doing their duty, and whose names will never be forgotten, for they, like so many others, have upheld the honour of their King and Country, and have given their brave lives in the course of justice. Parishioners can only earnestly offer their respectful sympathy to the bereaved Mothers and a sorrowing Father. Mrs Webster..... have kindly permitted the publication of two following letters which show plainly in what high estimation both young men were held, and how sincerely they were each of them mourned in their respective Regiments:-*



**Newtown & Roe Green  
Memorial  
St Lukes Church**

"B" Company, 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, B.E.F. France, 2nd Feb. 1916,  
"Dear Madam – I am very grieved to inform you that your son, Corporal G. Webster, was killed in action  
yesterday while gallantly doing his duty. Captain Horsley and all "B" Company Officers held high opinion of  
your boy, and offer you their most sincere sympathy." Malcolm G. Donaldson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Webster (Mother) of Ground Lane, Hatfield, received  
an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".

17/11/1919 Ground, Lane  
Hatfield, Herts

Mrs. Webster

To Mr. A. Whitby

Sir

I am writing to say  
that I don't remember  
whether I stated on the card  
the date in which my  
son was killed he joined  
Kitchener's Army 8<sup>th</sup> Batt  
Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry  
on August 24<sup>th</sup> 1914 and  
was killed in action in  
France February the Second 1916

I also wish to mention  
that my Son in Law  
Arthur Spencer as not received  
a card to fill up for the  
Book as others have done  
he thought he may have  
been over looked

I remain yours  
respectfully  
G. Webster

A Committee resolved  
Hartmen only eligible

Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies

## Webster, George Victor.



Hatfield War Memorial



Buffs Road Cemetery



Machine Gun Corps

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WEBSTER, G. V.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Corporal
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Machine Gun Corps 118 <sup>th</sup> Coy. Formerly 1 <sup>st</sup> Herts Territorials # 2600
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	31/07/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	21992
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Thomas and Emily Webster, of North Road Hatfield.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	D.6
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">BUFFS ROAD CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: George Victor Webster, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Hatfield, Death date: 31 Jul 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Corporal, Regiment: Machine Gun corps, Battalion: Number: 21992, Type of casualty: Killed in action, theatre of War: Western European Front, Comments: Formerly No. 2600, Herts. Regt. (Infantry).

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** George, age 5, is living with his parents, Thomas and Emily, siblings and a boarder at North Road, Stanborough, Hatfield. Father, Thomas, is a labourer with the G.N.R.

**1911 Census:** The family are still living at North Road. George is working as a plumber's assistant.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** 2<sup>nd</sup> List of men Mobilised from Hatfield, Webster, George Victor, North Road 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Territorials.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, May 1917:** Promotions, George Webster, Corporal.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1917,** Hatfield Roll of Honour, *This issue of the Magazine is of necessity a sad one owing to the large number of casualties incurred by Hertfordshire in the glorious action at St. Julien, in which all the officers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts were killed or wounded and a heavy toll in life of the men under them was taken. The story has been graphically told by Mr. Beach Thomas in "The Daily Mail," and repeated in "The Herts Mercury" and "The St. Albans Times" of August 18<sup>th</sup>, that it need not be repeated here. We have, however, to mourn the loss of seven brave men: ..... Victor Webster, Machine Gun Corps..... while of Victor Webster, his officer writes that he was one of his best N.C.O.'s and was killed while bringing his gun team into action.*

Family Memorial  
St Luke's Churchyard  
P2 9/6



In loving memory.....  
Corporal George Victor Webster  
Machine Gun Corp killed in  
action St Julien, France July 31<sup>st</sup>  
1917 aged 22years

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Webster (Mother) of North Road, Hatfield, received a Silver Matchbox.



## Welch, Henry William.



Lemsford War Memorial



Vis-En-Artois Memorial



York and Lancaster Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WELCH, H. W.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	York and Lancaster Regiment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn. Formerly 27764, Bedfordshire Regiment.
<b>Age:</b>	37
<b>Date of Death:</b>	19/09/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	45976
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Alfred and Eliza Welch, late of Stanborough, Hatfield
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Panel 9
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield War and Lemsford War Memorials: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Harry William Welch, Birth place: Hatfield Herts., Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Berkhamstead, Herts., Rank: Private, Regiment: York and Lancaster Regiment, Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Number 45976, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre, Comments: Formerly 27764, Bedfordshire Regiment.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

**Further Research:** Harry born in Hatfield c.1881

**1891 Census:** Harry, age 10, is living with his parents, Adam Alfred and Eliza and siblings, at Stanborough. Father, Adam Alfred, is working as a farm labourer.

**1901 Census:** Harry is living as a boarder in Fore St. and working as a grocer's assistant.

**1911 Census:** Harry, age 29, is living as a boarder in Berkhamstead, and working as a grocer's assistant.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs F. Scott (Sister) of Stanborough received an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".



## White, Cecil B.



Lemsford War memorial



Carnoy Military Cemetery



Royal Fusiliers

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WHITE, C. B.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) 24 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Date of Death:</b>	16/08/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	G/4335
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of James and Emily White of North Rd, Lemsford, Hatfield, Herts
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	B.9
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">CARNOY MILITARY CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Lemsford War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Cecil Bertram white, Birth place: Ayot, Herts., Death date: 16 Aug 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: London, Rank: Private, Regiment: Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), Battalion: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number G/4335, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

See attestation card next page

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

**Further Research:** Cecil born in Ayot St. Peter, in 1892.

**1901 Census:** Cecil, age 9, is living with his parents, James and Emily and siblings, at Ayot St Peter. Father, James, is a Domestic Coachman.

**1911 Census,** The family are living at North Rd. Lemsford. Cecil, age 19, is working as a Tailor.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, January 1916:** Lemsford News. War Notes, *Cecil White has enlisted in the Royal Fusiliers.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1916:** Lemsford News. *Cecil White was wounded by shrapnel, in the face, but he has now recovered.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1916:** Lemsford News. *We regret to have record the death in action of Private Cecil White, after being twice wounded, he returned once more to his duties, and fell gallantly upon the field of battle.....we are proud of these brave young fellows, who have laid down their lives for their country..... Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr and Mrs White,..... A short memorial service was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, in memory of those men belonging to this parish and neighbourhood, who have fallen in the war.*

**Bishops Hatfield Parish Magazine, Apr 1917:** Lemsford News – War Notes. *Letters have at last been received, giving particulars of Cecil White and Christopher Wren, who lost their lives in the first months of the Somme Battle. Captain Finnie of the 4<sup>th</sup> Fusiliers, who is not unknown in Lemsford, writes to Mr & Mrs White; " You have already been informed that your son was sniped on 16<sup>th</sup> August. His equipment, along with many other sets was blown to pieces, after it had been taken from his body. Your son was buried by men of his own company. He was a splendid soldier and liked by all in the company; he died doing his duty, a thing I know you will be proud to hear. His comrades sympathise with you in your great loss"..... It must be a great*

consolation to those who loved them, to know that these brave young fellows were spared prolonged suffering, and all that was possible was done for them.

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<b>SOLDIER'S NAME AND DESCRIPTION ON ATTESTATION.</b> (REGULAR FORCES).		<b>THE SOLDIER'S NEXT-OF-KIN NOW LIVING.</b> <small>Any change becoming known is to be duly noted, with the date of such change.</small>	
Name <u>Leah Bertman White</u> Enlisted at <u>Gt Scotland Yard</u> in the County of <u>London</u> on the <u>2nd</u> at the age of <u>24</u> years <u>3</u> months for the <u>30th Royal Fusiliers</u> <small>duration of war</small> for <u>      </u> years in the Army and <u>      </u> years in the Reserve. Born in the Parish of <u>Byot</u> in or near the Town of <u>Hertford</u> in the County of <u>Herts</u> Trade or calling <u>Tailor</u> Last permanent residence <u>Dorch Rd, Lemsford</u> Height <u>5</u> feet <u>3</u> inches <u>Hatfield Herts</u> Complexion <u>Fair</u> Eyes <u>Grey</u> Hair <u>Brown</u> Marks <u>      </u> * Religion <u>Church of England</u> † Signature of Soldier <u>Leah B White</u>		<b>Note.—No entry on this page has any legal effect as a Will.</b>	
Nearest degrees of relationship.	NAMES.	Latest known address to be given in full.	
1st.	Wife.		
1st.	Children.		
2nd.	Father.	<u>J. White</u> <u>Dorch Road Lemsford</u> <u>Hatfield Herts</u>	
2nd.	Mother.		
3rd.	Brothers † and Sisters.		
3rd.	Nephews and nieces, if children of deceased brothers or sisters.		
4th.	Other relations.		
Signature of Soldier.		<u>Leah Bertman White</u>	
Regimental number.		Date of Signature.	
<u>7335</u>		<u>18th Dec 1915</u>	
Signature of Com- pany, etc., Commanding.		<u>W. J. Lee</u>	
<small>† State whether brothers are younger or older.</small>			

Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger: Mrs White (Mother) of Lemsford received a Silver Matchbox.

## Wren, Christopher.



Christopher Wren



Thiepval Memorial



Bedfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WREN, C.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Bedfordshire Regiment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	20
<b>Date of Death:</b>	03/07/1916
<b>Service No:</b>	23378
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Mrs E. Wren, of Lemsford, Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 2C
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Lemsford War Memorial: Yes

**Service Record:** UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919: Christopher Wren, Birth place: Lemsford, Herts., Residence: Lemsford, Death date: 3 Jul 1916, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: St. Albans, Rank: Private: Regiment: Bedfordshire regiment: Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Number 23378, type of Casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

**Further Research:** Christopher born c.1896, in Lemsford.

**1901 Census:** Christopher, age 5, is living with his parents and siblings at Lemsford Village. Father, George, is working as gravel pit labourer.

**1911 Census:** Christopher age 14, is still living at Lemsford, his Father is now working as a watercress labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, August 1916:** Lemsford News. War notes, *since the last issue of the magazine, casualties among our boys have been very heavy..... Chris Wren we are sorry to hear is officially posted as "Missing" not a very cheering announcement, but there is still hope, that we may yet receive news from him.*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, September 1916:** Lemsford News.....*no news has yet been received of Chris Wren....*

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1916:** Lemsford News. .... *Our other loss this month is Private Christopher Wren, who has long been reported "missing", but is now reported "killed in action". Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs and Miss Wren, in their great loss.*

**Bishops Hatfield Parish Magazine, Apr 1917:** Lemsford News – War Notes. *Letters have at last been received, giving particulars of Cecil White and Christopher Wren, who lost their lives in the first months of the Somme Battle.....A Corporal from another regiment has written to Mrs Wren about her son; by some mischance the letter written in July, was only received last month. It says: " We started in the front line at half past three in the morning; during one of our halts, I was at the head of our section, I met your dear boy, gave him necessary attention until further aid came. I had to go further up the line; about an hour and a half later, we had to*

*retire, and we stayed just where your son was, and I went and saw how he was. Our doctor was there: he was quite cheerful at the time, and our platoon stretcher bearers took him away to a large dressing station. At night I was asked to go to the dressing station, and there your son was laid out. I took his personal belongings and we buried him in a soldier's cemetery at a place near Albert. I must tell you he was quite prepared to die; and asked me in the early morning to write to you if anything happened to him, if I came through alright. Our Captain gave me permission to write to all the Boys' people who I had anything for." It must be a great consolation to those who loved them, to know that these brave young fellows were spared prolonged suffering, and all that was possible was done for them.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Wren (Mother) of Lemsford received an "In Memoriam and Roll of Honour Album".



**Lemsford War Memorial**

## Wren, George John.



**North Mimms/Mymms  
War Memorial**



**Thiepval Memorial**



**Royal Berkshire Regiment**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WREN, G. J.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Berkshire Regiment 6 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	36
<b>Date of Death:</b>	17/02/1917
<b>Service No:</b>	36504
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of John Wren, of 4 Pretoria Cottages, North Mimms, Hatfield.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Killed in Action
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 11.D
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield and North Mimms War Memorials:** Yes

**Service Record:** UK, **Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919:** George John Wren, Birth place: Hatfield, Herts., Residence: Welham green, Death date: 17 Feb 1917, Death location: France & Flanders, Enlistment location: Hertford, Rank: Private, Regiment: Princess Charlotte of Wale's (Royal Berkshire Regiment), Battalion: 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Number: 36504, Type of casualty: Killed in action, Theatre of War: Western European Front, comments: Formerly 5709, Herts. Regt.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal .

**Further Research:** Born North Mimms, christened 30/01/1881.

**1891 Census:** George, age 10, is living with his parents, John and Emily and siblings, at Huggins Lane. Father John, is a general labourer.

**1901 Census:** The family are still living at Huggins Lane, North Mimms, George, age 20, is a general labourer,

**1911 Census:** George is living at Pretoria Cottages, North Mimms, with his Grandmother, Ann Munt, and working as a bricklayer's labourer.

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** A. Wren, of The Rookery, Hatfield Park signed for an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".



## Wren, Reggie Charles.



**Hatfield Hyde War Memorial**

([www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com))



**St Mary Magdalene's Church**

**Hatfield Hyde**



**Royal Welsh Fusiliers**

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WREN, R. C.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Welsh Fusiliers 17 <sup>th</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	20
<b>Date of Death:</b>	08/04/1918
<b>Service No:</b>	235260
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Joseph and Lizzie Wren of Hatfield Hyde
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Died of Wounds
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#"><b>St MARY MAGDALENE CHURCHYARD, Hatfield Hyde</b></a>

**Hatfield In Memoriam Album:** Yes

**Hatfield and Hatfield Hyde War Memorials:** Yes

The Album records Reggie as dying at Armentieres which differs from his service records. This may have been where he received his wounds.

**Service Record: British Army WW1 Service Records 1914-1920:** Reggie enlisted on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1915 into the 1<sup>st</sup> Herts. Regiment, no. 6015 and transferred to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers 21<sup>st</sup> June 1917. The record shows that Reggie was wounded in the right foot and sent to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Northern General Hospital Shrewsbury, where he died of tetanus after having his foot amputated on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1918, he was aged 20.

See personal effects list and burial next page.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### **Further Research:**

**1901 Census:** Reggie, age 3, is living with his parents, Joseph and Lizzie and siblings, at Hatfield Hyde. Father, Joseph is a labourer at gravel pit.

**1911 Census:** Reggie, age 13 and at school, is still living with his family in Hatfield Hyde. His father occupation is listed as a ballast pit labourer.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, December 1915:** Sixteenth List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield – *Wren, Reggie C. – Hyde – 1st Herts. Regt.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Wren (Mother) received an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".

Any further letter on this subject should be addressed to:  
 Officer i/c  
 No. 2, Infantry Records,  
 Shrewsbury.  
 and the following No. quoted.  
 2, E/4392.

From Officer i/c No. 2, Records.Shrewsbury.To Mr Joseph Wren.Hatfield Hyde.Hatfield. Herts.Station Shrewsbury Date 20/6/18.Place Hatfield HydeDate June 22/1918

SIR,

I have to acknowledge receipt  
 of the articles as stated opposite

SIR OR MADAM,

I am directed to forward the undermentioned articles of private  
 property of the late No. 235260 Rank Private  
 Name R. C. Wren Regt. R. W. F.

and would ask that you will kindly acknowledge receipt of the same on  
 the form opposite:-

1 Pair Braces. 1 Purse. 1 Cap Comforter. 1 Handkerchief.

1 Belt. 1 Wallet. Keys. 1 Lighter. 1 Thimble. Badges. Buttons.

Small Straps. 1 Pair Scissors. 1 Cigarette Holder.

1 Cigarette Case. 1 Piece Shrapnel. 1 Knife. 2 Blue Chevrons.

1 Box contg. Collar. Coins. Postcards.

These are the only articles at present forthcoming, but should any  
 further articles be received at any time they will be duly forwarded.

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

(Sign here)

The Officer i/c Records,

Station

No. 235260 R. C. Wren. R. W. F.

Major, for Lieut. Colonel.

Officer in Charge of Records.

No. 2.



(Sign here) *Joseph Wren*

Officer i/c Records,  
 No. 2,  
 Shrewsbury.

*Lead*



235260. Pte. Wren. RC. 17th Roy. Welsh Fus.

Reference the above named man who died at this Hospital  
 8.4.18. please note that he has been buried by his relatives in  
 Hatfield Hyde, Herts. The grave is in Hatfield Hyde Chaple Cemetery,  
 and is unnumbered, but is in the Church of England Portion.

No stone or cross has been erected.

For your information, please.

Sheffield.  
 24.4.18.

*Major, Northern General Hospital*

## Wright, George Arthur.



PTE. GEORGE ARTHUR WRIGHT,  
Of Hatfield, A Company, 1st Herts.  
Died of wounds at Boulogne, May 21st,  
aged 23 years.

(Herts Advertiser)



Boulogne Eastern Cemetery



Hertfordshire Regiment

### CWGC Entry

<b>Name:</b>	WRIGHT, G. A.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Hertfordshire Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Date of Death:</b>	21/05/1915
<b>Service No:</b>	3119
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Arthur and Priscilla Wright, of Hatfield, Herts.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Died of Wounds
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	VIII. D. 35
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY</a>

Hatfield In Memoriam Album: Yes

Hatfield & St Luke's War Memorials: Yes

**Service Record:** British Army WW1 Service Records, 1914-1920: Badly damaged. George was attested on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1914, age 19, at Hertford. The record shows that George sustained a gunshot wound to his shoulder on the 20<sup>th</sup>, while in action, and died of his wounds the next day in Boulogne Hospital.

**Medal Card:** Awarded the 1914 Star with Clasp, Victory Medal and British War Medal.

### Further Research:

**1901 Census:** George, age 8 and born in Bermondsey, Surrey c.1893, is living with his parents, Arthur and Priscilla and siblings, in Cavendish Road in the parish of St Peters, St. Albans. Father, Arthur is working as a road labourer

**1911 Census:** George, age 19, is working as a Gardner. He is living with his family at the County Surveyors Office, St Albans Road, Hatfield. His Father although listed as a road labourer is also listed as caretaker for the offices.

**Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine, October 1914:** Second List of Men Mobilised from Hatfield. *Wright, George Arthur, County Council Offices, 1<sup>st</sup> Herts Territorials.*

**Hatfield Parish Council Souvenir Committee Ledger:** Mrs Wright (Mother) County Council Office received an "In Memoriam & Roll of Honour Album".

Family memorial  
St Luke's churchyard  
P3 2/19



In loving memory .....  
George A. Wright died of wounds  
at Boulogne 1915

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