



# **Who were the young men on the World War 1 Memorial?**

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*I dedicate my poppy number 688489 of the 888,246 handmade poppies made for the Tower of London Moat: Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red Exhibition (2014) to all the men whose names are on or should have been on the Kingsdown WW1 Memorial in St John's Church Kingsdown Kent.*

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# St John the Evangelist Church Kingsdown

## Who were the young men on the World War 1 Memorial?



St John the Evangelist Church, Kingsdown, near Deal

### Introduction

The names of twenty-three men currently appear on the World War One (WW1) memorial in St John the Evangelist Church, Kingsdown, near Deal Kent.



As you enter the church via the main door, opposite on the far wall is the first world war memorial. The Hopton Wood Derbyshire stone memorial was designed by Mr F. A. Powell of Kingsdown and 344 Kennington Road London SE.

The memorial was made by Messrs. Earp & Hobbs of Lambeth Road London at a cost of £50. The Dover Express & East Kent News reported the unveiling of the memorial on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 1920, following a service which took place on July 24<sup>th</sup> led by Rev. W Ceidrych Thomas Rector of Northbourne.

It is interesting to note that the Deal, Walmer & Sandwich Mercury dated Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1920 states only 22<sup>1</sup> men and not 23 were listed to be included on the memorial. It

transpires that Harold Bunyard's name was included on a later date presumably because he did not die until November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1919 of his injuries.

Further to the commissioning of local or civic memorials for all those who lost their lives during WW1 the Deal & Walmer Memorial Hospital was built from local donations as a permanent memorial to all those who fought during WW1. The hospital opened in 1924 and on the wall in the main entrance is the Roll of Honour, a memorial listing all those (known at the time) who lost their lives during the war from Deal, Walmer, Sandwich and local

<sup>1</sup> With my thanks to Gill Hogbin of Kingsdown for researching the Bunyard brothers.

## **MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR DEAL**

Deal and Walmer have decided to build a new hospital, as a war memorial, to take the place of the Deal and Walmer Victoria Hospital, which is now inadequate for the needs of the district. The scheme has been well supported, and the donations include one of £5,500 from Mrs. Marke Wood, of Walmer. A site has already been purchased west of the town, and plans will be invited for a 50-bed hospital, with private wards, children's wards, operating theatre, X-ray department, and every modern appliance. The hospital is to be built in two sections, the first one for 25 beds and the second section when funds permit. The memorial entrance hall will contain the name and rank of each man from the district who fell in the war.

**The Times 13th Oct 1921**

parishes. T F Pain and Sons<sup>2</sup> printed a paper copy of the Roll of Honour in 1919<sup>3</sup>, a copy of which is available to view in the reference / local history section of Deal Library.

As the centenary of the ending of the first world war approached a project was undertaken to make good all the errors, typographical mistakes and omissions which occurred 100 years ago when the names of the fallen were first collated for inclusion on local war memorials. Just over 530 names are recorded on the 1920 Roll of Honour for Deal, Sandwich and Walmer; it is now believed the total number of men from the district who lost their lives during WW1 is nearer 600<sup>4</sup>.

As part of this ongoing work it has emerged<sup>5</sup> that three further names were originally intended to appear on the Kingsdown memorial. Research continues to try and find out who they were and what their connection to Kingsdown was.

Their names are:

- D. Mc B Sutton
- Herbert Wyborn<sup>6</sup>
- James A Luscombe

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<sup>2</sup> Printed & Published by T F Pain and Sons "Mercury" office Queen Street Deal and at Sandwich a copy of which is available to view in Deal library ref. 940.467

<sup>3</sup> The men's' names on the Victoria memorial listed as coming from Kingsdown include one name which is not on the Kingsdown memorial and two others listed as coming from Walmer.

<sup>4</sup> The Deal 600 with my thanks to Adrian Wilkinson MBE for this help and information

<sup>5</sup> From lists compiled by the Deal 600 project. I have been unable to establish the original of this information.

<sup>6</sup> A James Henry Wyborn died on the last day of WW1 and is buried at Busigny communal cemetery in France. His parents were from Walmer and in 1911 he was living with his widowed Mum in Dover. He was married, and his wife lived in the area (not Kingsdown). James had a brother called John Frederick who was killed by a mine on HMS Laforey in the Dover Straits on 23 March 1917. It is possible one of these two brothers was "Herbert".

The 23 names which currently appear on the Kingsdown memorial represent a varied mix of men of all ages:

- 1 of the men remains (at the time of writing) unknown beyond his name
- There are 3 pairs of brother's named on the memorial
- 2 soldiers, brothers, are buried in St John's Kingsdown Churchyard
- 1 of the men was buried at sea
- 1 soldier was awarded the Military Cross and was mentioned in despatches  by Sir John French, a senior British Army officer, 1st Earl of Ypres, who was later Captain of Deal Castle
- 11 of the men have a known grave across Europe and the Middle East
- 8 of the men have no known grave
- 4 are remembered on the Thiepval Memorial
- 1 is remembered on the Menin Gate Ypres
- 1 is remembered at the Loos Memorial
- 2 are remembered at the Arras memorial
- 1 soldier, a despatch rider, conveyed the ceasefire to his division on Armistice Day November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918.
- 7 were born in Kingsdown
- 4 were local families to East Kent
- 2 of the men were born overseas
- 3 of the men were married, one with a child
- 2 soldiers emigrated before the war and served with overseas regiments
- 1 died of flu in 1919
- 1 was butler to a former Lord Chancellor at Kingsdown House
- 1 man from Devon worked as a gardener in Kingsdown before enlisting with the Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment). His employer, an unknown local land owner, nominated his name for inclusion on the memorial as a mark of respect.

At the outbreak of World War 1 Kingsdown was very different to the village we know today. The seven men born in Kingsdown probably attended the then thriving Public Elementary School, which opened in 1843 in the building which is now the village hall. Although the photograph below is dated 1924, Mr T.P. Bevan remained the school teacher first being recorded as being employed there in 1913. The school population varied between 80 and 94 pupils during the four years of World War 1.



**Mr T.P. Bevan Master with the class of Kingsdown National School dated 1924**

In 1913 the population of Kingsdown (not including Ringwould) was 473 persons with approximately 95 buildings, this dwindled to a population of just over 373 residents by the end of the First World War.

Kelly's Trade Directories for 1913 and 1918 describe Kingsdown as a small but vibrant fishing and agricultural community, supporting a lifeboat, coastguard station, a golf course, three pubs, a dairy, a reading room, a national school with up to 90 pupils, a girl's school, a post office, and a variety of shops and other tradespersons supporting the community.



**Upper Street Circa 1910**

One hundred years after the young men on the memorial died, work to identify them and their families has been challenging. It is hoped that more information about them all, including those we currently know nothing about will be found and added to this record of their lives. If you can help, please do contact the author whose contact details appear at the end.

On reading this booklet please note that unless otherwise stated all the information presented has been reproduced from public records sourced from: The Office for National Statistics, Kent Ecclesiastical Archives Canterbury, Ancestry.co.uk, The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Forces War Records.co.uk, Kent Fallen, St John the Evangelist Church records, The Deal, Walmer and Sandwich Roll of Honour (1919) printed and published by T F Pain and Sons in The Deal, Walmer and Sandwich Mercury, Pains Street Directories for 1910, 1913, 1916, 1921, 1924, Pikes and Kelly's Trade Directories dated 1913, 1915 and 1918.

The author would like to thank Mr. Chris Price for his support and knowledge, particularly in relation to the military information included about each of the 23 men. Also, with thanks to Sharon Morris, Gill Hogbin and Pat Smith<sup>7</sup> for their help and support in researching some of the information included in this booklet. Lastly, but not least, thanks to Joe Wall for his support and IT skills in preparing this booklet for printing.

During the initial study of the 23 names on the memorial the author was unable to find anything about one of them, namely a George Thompson. Approximately 150 young men with the name G. Thompson lost their lives during the First World War. It remains only possible to speculate about the George Thompson whose name appears on the Kingsdown memorial; his connection to Kingsdown, who he was, where he lived, his family and indeed where he is buried or remembered.

The 23 men are now listed with the information that has been found out about each of them with some updates since finishing version 2 during 2015.

#### 1. **George Thompson** (service number unknown)

A young man remembered on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board and at Kingsdown who probably lost his life on the battlefields of Flanders. A sergeant W. Thompson was the range warden living in **the Range Wardens House, Coronation Road Kingsdown** in 1910. A Mr Thompson was also recorded on a 1910 -11 taxation record as the owner of the **Rising Sun Pub**<sup>8</sup>. Two further families of Thompsons are to be found at a similar time at **2 Cliff Cottages, Cliff Road and Hillcrest Mount Pleasant** but none of these families have been found to have a George of the correct age range to be the George Thompson on the memorial.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the book Kingsdown and Ringwould, A history and guide edited by David Harding (1999) Frederica Sharpe<sup>9</sup> described a Mr. Thompson who built many houses (and drain covers still clearly visible with the name Thompson) in Kingsdown in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The 'Thompson houses' include a large house **called Tyneside subsequently divided into Grey Friars and Overhill on Upper Street**. However, in common with two of the other men whose names appear on the Kingsdown memorial,

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<sup>7</sup> With my thanks for finding and sharing her research regarding Henry Cooke

<sup>8</sup> With thanks to Mr Ian Smith and Sharon Morris of Kingsdown.

<sup>9</sup> Kingsdown and Ringwould a History and Guide 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Page 30. Edited by David Harding. Kingsdown and Ringwould Twinning Society. Printed by Powell Print Ltd Dover in 1999. Typesetting and design by Country Setting Kingsdown. Available for reference in Deal Library.

George may have come to Kingsdown to work prior to or during the war years. In this circumstance a local person, most likely an employer or friend, marked his death by including his name on the war memorial in Kingsdown. Indeed, a George Mark Thompson who was killed at the Somme on the 23rd August 1918, lived a stone's throw from Henry Cooke (another of the 23) in central London. It's just possible that George Thompson, Henry Cooke and Herbert Vickery were all in the service of Lord Loreburn, a former Right Hon. Lord High Chancellor, who owned **Kingsdown House** during the war years. We know Henry Cooke was his butler in 1911<sup>10</sup>.

Of the remaining twenty-two names there are three pairs of brothers; Harold & William Bunyard, Percy & Richard Patey and James & Arthur Pay. The Bunyard brothers are the only two soldiers named on the memorial whose bodies are buried in the churchyard of St John the Evangelist. All three sets of brothers are remembered on family memorials or graves as well as on the memorial plaque inside the church:

The first set of brothers listed here are William and Harold Bunyard:

## 2. **Lance Corporal William John Bunyard** (service number 6/2958)

Remembered on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board and at Kingsdown, William joined the New Zealand Provost Corps at the outbreak of war, he served in Egypt and France and was wounded at the Somme in 1916<sup>11</sup>.



William survived the theatre of war, despite being wounded at the Somme, dying on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1918 of flu, as did so many returning soldiers. He is buried in Kingsdown churchyard in a family grave with his brother Harold. His body was interred on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1918 with full military honours.

William grew up in Kingsdown, went to the local school, worked as a milkman and had been a keen member of Kingsdown football and cricket teams before immigrating to Christchurch New Zealand on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1913 on board a ship called the Ruahine. While on his journey he was listed as a passenger born in circa 1883 with an occupation described as a clerk. Later, after arriving in New Zealand, records show William working as a labourer in a suburb of Christchurch called Lyttelton, care of a Mrs Williams of Sumner.

The photograph overleaf of Kingsdown football team is dated 1917, 5 years after William immigrated.

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<sup>10</sup> All research with reference to Henry Cooke is reproduced with the kind permission of Pat Smith of Kingsdown.

<sup>11</sup> Faces from the Front by Judith Gaunt (2014) Bygone Publishing ISBN 978-0-9566172-3-1 Page 90 & 103



**Kingsdown Football Team dated 1917**

**3. Sapper Harold Herbert John Bunyard (service number 207507)**



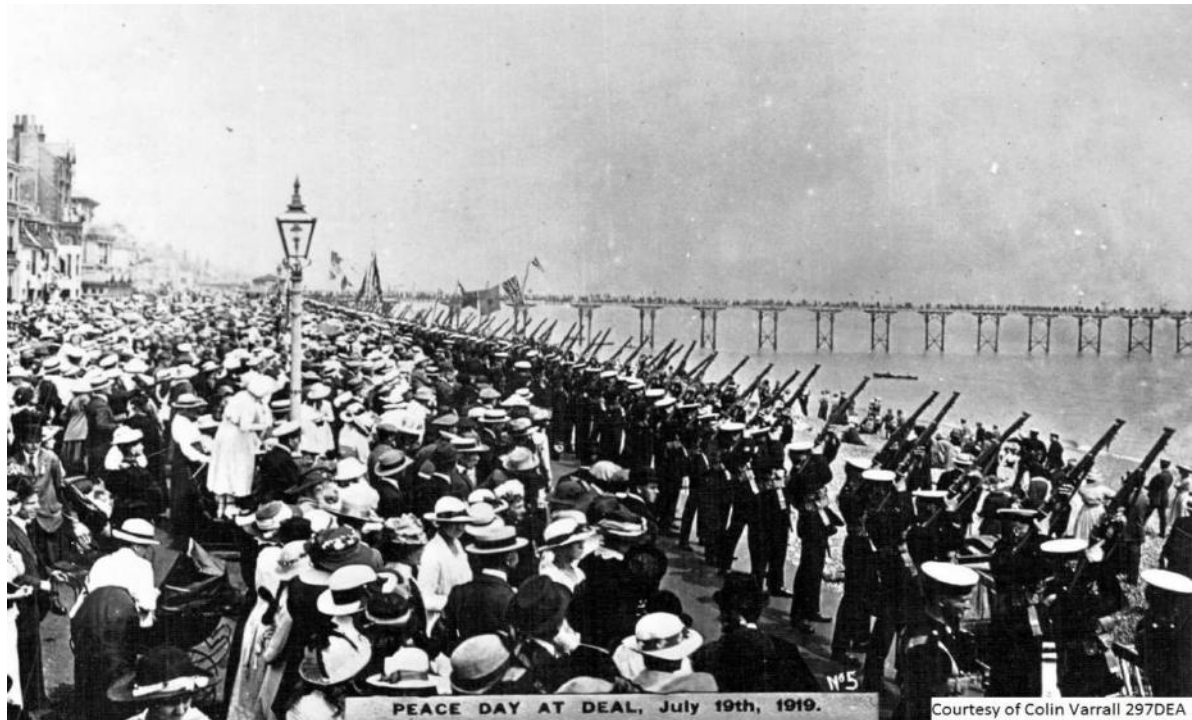
**Harold and William Bunyard with the Underhill Dairy delivery cart (undated)**

Harold, the younger brother of William is also remembered on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board and at Kingsdown. He was born in Calcutta and enlisted in March 1915.

Harold joined the Royal Navy Division Engineers (RNDE) at Walmer aged 16.5 years old. In 1915 he transferred following leave for illness to the 63rd Divisional Signal Company, Royal Engineers where he worked as a despatch rider. His proudest moment in fulfilling his duties, was while working as a despatch rider, he conveyed the ceasefire to his division on Armistice Day November 11th, 1918.

Harold contracted a serious illness which the Roll of Honour page 168 describes as “a long period of hopeless illness due to war service” he eventually died in London on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1919, the anniversary of his father’s birthday. A few weeks before he died at his request

Harold attended the peace day parade in Deal on July 19<sup>th</sup>. He was buried in Kingsdown with semi military honours performed by the Royal Marines Light Infantry.



### Peace Day at Deal July 19th, 1919

William and Harold were the sons of William, born in India and Sarah Bunyard (nee Groombridge) a local family. On the 1911 population census the Bunyard brothers were living with their widowed mother and an Uncle Charles Edmund who worked as a pension's officer for the Royal Navy. The Bunyard family home was then recorded as **The Drove Cliff Cottages** in 1915 and as **1 Green Bank Cottages Mount Pleasant Lane** during the war. It has now been confirmed thanks to the research undertaken by Ms Gill Hogbin of St James Road that the Bunyard home was indeed **Cliff Cottage on The Rise, Kingsdown**. (*The 1969-71 register of electors and the 1972-73 showed that Edith M Bunyard lived at Cliffe Cottage, The Rise*).

**Cliff Cottage, The Rise** is half of what was originally a larger house which was called **Morning Side**. The house has subsequently been split into two; the other half being originally called **Devonica** and is now called **Hilden**. **Devonica** was a former residence of another of the 23 young men, namely Captain Cyril Herbert Berkley Farmar (see page 20).

#### 4. **Private Percy (Pettman) Patey** (service number 203196)

Percy and his brother Richard are both remembered on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board and at Kingsdown, although neither of the brothers are included in the Roll of Honour. Percy served with the 1/4th (Territorial Force) Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, and the regimental diary for 5<sup>th</sup> July 1917 records three men killed by shell fire; it's probable that Percy was one of these three men. He was 27 years old when he lost his life and he is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial the Somme France (Pier and Face 2C and 3A)<sup>12</sup>.

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<sup>12</sup> The Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave.



**Thiepval Memorial**

Percy, born in Keswick, Cumberland was the eldest of nine children from his father's second marriage. Along with his brother Richard, they are remembered on their parents' grave in Kingsdown Churchyard. The brothers were the sons of Henry who died in 1916, and Helen Sophia Patey who died in 1953.



Percy is recorded on the 1911 census aged 22 working as an architect, the same career as his father Henry Horn Patey. Together they designed and commissioned the building of **Rolls House**<sup>13</sup>, also known as **Blencathra a former guest house on Kingsdown Hill**. The Patey family formerly of 37 Lombard St, London were perfumers to the King<sup>14</sup>. As early as 1801 the "House of Patey" was mentioned and referred to as "Patey & Co, purveyors of perfumes & cold creams to the Royal Family".

Today Patey's Victorian ceramic cold cream pots are traded on eBay by collectors. In addition, the Patey perfumer family is reputed to have invented a Pears soap formula later sold to a Mr Pear before 1900.

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<sup>13</sup> The Hon. Charles Stewart Rolls (27 August 1877 – 12 July 1910) lived in Rolls House, an English motoring and aviation pioneer. Together with Henry Royce he co-founded the Rolls-Royce car manufacturing firm. On 2 June 1910, he became the first man to make a non-stop double crossing of the English Channel by plane, taking 95 minutes. In 1903 he also won the Gordon Bennett Gold Medal for the longest single flight time.

<sup>14</sup> With my thanks to Mr Anthony Shepherd the previous owner of Rolls House for the additional information supplied about the Patey family's businesses.

5. **Private Richard (Horn) Patey** (service number 47907)

Richard Patey was born in Hereford and served with the 13th (County of London) Battalion (Princess Louise's Kensington Battalion), London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers). He was killed in action aged 19 years on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1917 and is buried at Tyne Cot Cemetery Zonnebeke Belgium (28-30, 162-163A)

During the war the Patey family home is also recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records as being at **La Trigg on Upper Street** and for a brief time **Morning Glory Church Cliff** during the year 1915. It is presumed the family may have rented while **Rolls House** was being built or indeed their home may have been requisitioned for the war effort.

The last of the three sets of brothers on the memorial are James and Arthur Pay:

6. **Lance Corporal James Henry Pay** (service number C /12138)

Private James Henry Pay remembered on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board page 90 and at Kingsdown, served with 'A' Company 10th (Service) Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment.



Following training James landed in France on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1915. A few weeks later, the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915 his Battalion was involved in the opening day of the Battle of Loos. James died on the 13<sup>th</sup> October at the age of 19 years. He is remembered on the Loos Memorial (60-64) with over 20,000 other soldiers whose bodies were never recovered.

James was born and baptised in Kingsdown in 1896; he attended the local school before going on to being employed as a footman to the Earl of Bessborough at Aston Hall Evesham.

7. **Private Arthur John Pay** (service number C /29681)

Arthur Pay remembered on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board and at Kingsdown served with the 6th (Service) Battalion Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) Queens Own Royal West Kent Regt, 37<sup>th</sup> Brigade 12<sup>th</sup> Division.

He was killed in action on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1918 aged 19 years at Bouzincourt Ridge France and is remembered on the Arras memorial (1.A.6). Arthur was born in 1899 and grew up as did his brother James in Kingsdown, attending the village school, going on to be employed as a gardener for Lord Loreburn at **Kingsdown House**.



James and Arthur were the sons of a Kingsdown lifeboat coxswain, James Pay and his wife Ann Elizabeth of **8 South Road**. Nine members of the Pay family are buried at Kingsdown, two share a grave with a memorial to James and Arthur; Ann, their mother who died 1917

and their father who died in 1924. Records show members of the extended Pay family also living at **4 South Road and 2 North Road** during the war years.

There was a lifeboat at Kingsdown for over 60 years, the last one being the Charles Hargrave, the boat that lifeboat coxswain James Pay would have served on. The boat was commissioned in 1892 and served throughout the war years.



**HW Lifeboat the Charles Hargrave (1892)**

Of the remaining 16 young men whose names appear on the Kingsdown memorial, one was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry.

**8. Lieutenant Edward Nettleton Balme MC** <sup>15</sup> (no service number)



Edward, one of four brothers is remembered on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board, St Saviours Walmer and at Kingsdown. He served with the Essex Battalion 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. In 1915 he obtained a commission and went to Gallipoli where he was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry for capturing a Turkish outpost with two others. Edward was mentioned in Dispatches. in 1916 by Sir John French, 1st Earl of Ypres local to the area, a distinguished officer who commanded the British army on the Western Front in the early years of the war.



<sup>15</sup> A single oak leaf depicts Mentioned in Despatches (MiD)

Edward died on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1918 of his wounds at a casualty clearing house near the front. He was buried at Mendinghem Military Cemetery Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen Belgium (X.B.35)

Edward is remembered on the war memorial in Chislehurst, and on the family tomb in the churchyard of St Nicholas Church Chislehurst. The son of Nettleton and Eliza Balme of Inglewood. Edward's mother lost her husband and three of her six sons between 1903 and the end of the war.

Pain's Directory for 1916 records a Mrs N Balme living at **The Gables, Mount Pleasant Road now St Monica's Road.**

The men I have numbered 9 and 10 in this booklet had family homes "**on the beach**" at Kingsdown. One hundred years later the buildings remain and are now on the re-named **Wellington Parade.**



**The Bungalows (circa 1913) - now Wellington Parade**

**9. Second Lieutenant Herbert Walter Hyde (no service number)**



Herbert who is remembered on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board and at Kingsdown was born in Cricklewood Middlesex, the son of Walter H G Hyde and Ethel Maude Hyde; the eldest of three children, he had a brother called Cyril and a sister Dorothy. His photograph is by F Russell Jewry of Deal.

Herbert served with the 16<sup>th</sup> Service Battalion (3rd Birmingham) and the Royal Warwickshire Regiment having enlisted in August 1914 as one of the original Kitchener's Army.

Prior to the war Herbert had spent over 5 years with the Officer Training Corps at Framlingham College Suffolk where his name appears on the 1911 census.

Herbert died on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1916 aged 22 years just a few days before he was due home on leave. He is buried at Fallbourg D' Amiens Cemetery Arras (1.B.44)

His details are listed on page 72 of the Deal, Walmer and Sandwich Roll of Honour of 1919.

At the time of his death his next of kin was listed as Mrs Ethel Hyde (widow) of **Beach House "The Bungalows on the beach" now Wellington Parade.**

#### 10. **Lieutenant Cyril S Steele – Perkins Mons Star** (no service number)



On the first page of the Deal, Walmer and Sandwich Roll of Honour is the name Lieutenant Cyril S Steele-Perkins with a photograph taken by Lambert and Weston. His name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board and at Kingsdown.

Cyril served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, he was educated at St. Paul's School, attended the University of London and Sandhurst. On the 1911 census he is shown living with his parents and his sister Irene at 85 Wimpole Street London, occupation Officer with the British Army.

Cyril was awarded what is nicknamed the 'Mons Star'. This denotes the unusual occurrence of a pre-war regular who saw service between August and November 1914.

On the outbreak of war Cyril and his Battalion were based in Dover. Following a short spell on coastal defence in Norfolk his Battalion embarked for France on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1914; in time to provide infantry reinforcements at the Battle of Le Cateau. Early during this campaign, they were caught in the open near the village of Haucourt and Cyril was killed on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1914, aged 27 by enemy fire, twenty-two days into the war.

From the regimental diaries it appears that Cyril was buried in an unmarked grave near where he was killed, most likely by locals or the Germans as the British were in full retreat and did not recover this area until some years later. Cyril was buried with 10 others and no crosses were erected. In 1920 many of the small burial sites all over the Western Front were consolidated into larger cemeteries by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Of the original ten bodies dug up near Haucourt to be reburied at Naves Communal Cemetery Extension Nord France (1V.B.15), only two were identified, Cyril Steele Perkins being one of them.

Cyril was the son of the well-known Exeter family of George C. Steele-Perkins, M.D., and Alice E. Steele Perkins (nee Chapman), of 6, Weymouth St., Portland Place, London. The family are shown in the Pain's Directory of 1916 as living at **Woolloomooloo on the Beach Kingsdown**, a house which is now called **Sandhaven on Wellington Parade**. The family had strong ties with Kingsdown, a relative being a keen golfer and later Miss E Steele Perkins awarded a silver cup by the local gardening society.



**The Beach 1913**

The London Times reported on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1930 the Golden wedding anniversary of Dr G Steele Perkins and his wife Alice of Lancaster Gate and Woolloomooloo Kingsdown. They married 50 years earlier in New South Wales Australia. It is reported in the Exeter and Plymouth Gazette on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1914 that Cyril a cousin of the Mayor and Sheriff of Exeter died the grandest of deaths that an officer could wish for in being gallant and brave.

Soldiers now listed as numbers 11 and 12 in this booklet were both employed in Kingsdown before the war, their names included on the memorial as a mark of respect by their employers.

**11. Lance Corporal Herbert Holland Vickery** (service number G/3078)

Herbert, whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board and at Kingsdown enlisted as a Royal Marine at the Walmer Depot and was part of 4th Army, XV Corps, 18 Division, 55 Brigade, Kitchener's second army. Later he served with the 9<sup>th</sup> (service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)

Herbert was born near Exeter, the son of William, a market gardener and Elizabeth (nee Holland) and was one of 13 children. On the 1911 census Herbert is recorded as working as a gardener on Tresco, Isles of Scilly.

Later Herbert moved to Kingsdown, employed as a gardener. During research for this booklet it has come to light from contact with one of his descendants, that it was Herbert's unknown Kingsdown employer who had his name placed on the memorial after he was killed in action.



Herbert's war ended on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1916 when he was involved in a battle for ground at a place called Trones Wood during the Battle of the Somme.

There is a memorial just south of the wood to the 18th Division. Herbert's body was never recovered from the carnage of that day.

His name is on the Thiepval Memorial at the Somme (Pier and Face 5D) and it also appears on a memorial in his local church Broadclyst near Exeter Devon.

Opposite is a close-up photograph of the inscription of Herbert's name on the Thiepval Memorial at the Somme provided by David Roberts, from a public family tree on [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

## 12. **Private Henry John Cooke** (service number 10826)

Henry, whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board and at Kingsdown enlisted on the 17 February 1916 with the Buffs, later transferring to the East Surrey Regiment. Henry was posted to serve in France and lost his life in the field of battle on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1916 aged 38 years. He is buried at Gorre British and Indian cemetery, Beuvry, Bethune France (111.B.19)

Henry, born in 1847 was the younger of two brothers born to James and Sophia Cooke in Syston Leicestershire. In 1881 Henry was recorded as a school child residing with his mother and brother Alfred E at 1 Clare Terrace Bath Road Cheltenham, the family home of his maternal uncle.



Henry as his father before him, worked in service. Prior to the war he was employed as the butler to the then Lord Chancellor Lord Loreburn pictured opposite.

**Robert Theophie Reid Loreburn GCMG QC**, pictured opposite formally of 8 Eaton Square London had a country residence at **Kingsdown House, Kingsdown**.

It is therefore apparent that Lord Loreburn had requested the inclusion of Henry's name on the Kingsdown memorial as a mark of respect to his former butler whom no doubt would have resided at Kingsdown frequently. At the time of his death Henry's next of kin are shown to be James and Sophia Cooke of 'Westleigh' Brunswick Terrace, Wakefield<sup>16</sup>

<sup>16</sup> With my thanks to Pat Smith of Kingsdown for sharing all the information supplied in this booklet from her research and finding of Henry Cooke. I had in vain searched for Henry for many months as version 1 of this booklet reflects.

13. **Private Frank William Furner** (service number G/ 40004)



Frank whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board, St Saviours Walmer and at Kingsdown, served with The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. Frank was born in Walmer, the son of Frank Furner, a brick maker and his wife Ellen. He embarked for France during October 1914 and was killed in action on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1917 aged 20 years. Frank is buried at the Arras Memorial<sup>17</sup>. At aged 14 years Frank is recorded as just leaving school on the 1911 population census, making him 20 years old when he died.

It seems the Furner family (or perhaps relatives) lived in Kingsdown during the war, the Common Wealth War Graves Commission have **2 Green Bank Kingsdown** as his parent's home address. A further family home

was number 40 Downs Road Walmer. In 1918 an F. Furner is recorded as living at **Goodwin Terrace, 4 Osbourne Road** and later after the war in 1921 an E. Furner is recorded as living in **Upper Street Kingsdown**.

14. **Second Lieutenant Malcolm Arthur Hills** (no service number)

Malcolm whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board and at Kingsdown was born in Sydney Australia along with two of his 5 siblings, his father working as metallurgist. Later returning to the UK Malcolm attended St Paul's School London.

When Malcolm first enlisted in 1914 from his home in Barnes London he served with the 28<sup>th</sup> County of London Battalion (Artist's Rifles) a Special Forces regiment of the British Army Reserve formed from artistic occupations, formally based at Chelsea.

Later, on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1915 Malcolm was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant with the East Kent Regiment (The Buffs).

He was killed in action on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1916 and is remembered on the Thiepval memorial (Pier and Face 5D). **Opposite is an image of the Artists Rifles War Memorial Royal Academy of Arts London**



<sup>17</sup> At the entrance to the Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery in France stands the Arras Memorial. The memorial commemorates nearly 35,000 soldiers of the British, South African and New Zealand forces with no known grave. Most of those commemorated were killed in the Battle of Arras, fought between 9 April and 16 May 1917.

Malcolm was the Son of William Arthur Hills, M. Inst. M.M., and Marian Humfrey Hills, whom during the war lived at **Greyfriars, Upper Street Kingsdown.**

Although he is not buried there Malcolm is remembered on a grave stone in Kingsdown Church, sharing this with his father who died in 1918 and a year later his sister Denise Maria who died aged 22 in 1919.

#### 15. **Private John Foster Anderson** (service number 187834)

John whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board under Walmer, St Saviours Walmer and at Kingsdown was born at Minster in Kent on 12<sup>th</sup> January 1888. Aged 28 years in 1916 John left England to seek employment in Canada, records showing him working as a farmer in Ogilvie Manitoba later that same year.



When war broke out John joined the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force, later the 8<sup>th</sup> (90<sup>th</sup> Rifles) Battalion the Canadian Infantry. He was injured twice while fighting at the Somme and then lost his life some two years later 26<sup>th</sup> February 1918 aged 30 years, having suffered spinal injuries. John was buried at sea off the coast of Newfoundland while on board a

hospital ship.

On the 1891 census John is shown as living with his younger brother William and his parents Charles Henry and Rosa Maria E Anderson, both school teachers at Minster Sheppey. During the war his mother Rosa is recorded as living at **16 Herschell Square Walmer.** John is also remembered at Hollybrook Memorial Southampton<sup>18</sup>.

The remaining 8 soldiers on the memorial are now listed alphabetically:

#### 16. **Sapper Frederick William Bushell** (service number 200000)



Frederick whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board under Walmer, and at Kingsdown served with the 248<sup>th</sup> Field Company Royal Engineers; he lost his life with chest injuries on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1917 aged 38.

The day before he was killed he had met his brother Ernest who was serving in the same battalion at the front. Both brothers were on the Western Front at the Battle of Passchendaele, the Third Battle of Ypres. Frederick is buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery Poperinghe (X111.A.17)

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<sup>18</sup> The Hollybrook Memorial commemorates by name almost 1,900 servicemen and women of the Commonwealth land and air forces whose graves are not known, many of whom were lost in transports or other vessels torpedoed or mined in home waters. The memorial also bears the names of those who were lost or buried at sea, or who died at home but whose bodies could not be recovered for burial.

The son of John Jones and Sarah Ann Bushell, Frederick was born in Kingsdown in 1865. He left a wife Annie and a 12-year-old son Frank who lived 2 South Eastern terrace Mays Lane Walmer. Before the war Frederick had been working as a gardener for a Mr Johnson of Kingsdown. His parents lived at **Clematis Upper Street**. He is remembered on the Deal, Walmer and Sandwich Roll of Honour Roll of Honour on page 143.

#### 17. **Captain Cyril Herbert Berkley Farmar Mons Star** (no service number)

Cyril, whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board, and at Kingsdown served with the 10<sup>th</sup> City of London Regiment Battalion (Hackney) across Western Europe and Egypt before being killed in action on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1917 aged 26. He is buried at the Gaza War Cemetery Israel Palestine (X111.G.9) The inscription on his grave reads:

*"THEY ARE NOT DEAD WHOSE MEMORY STILL LIVES WITHIN A NATION'S HEART"*

Cyril was born in Watford and was the son of Charles a bank clerk and Beatrice Katherine Farmer. On the 1911 census he is recorded as living with his mother and two younger sisters Irene and Beatrice at 174 Adelaide Road, Hampstead. On his war records his next of kin is recorded as his mother who resided at 67 Tankerville Road Streatham London SW16.

By 1917 when he died an extract in the Dover Express of 27th April 1917 had an obituary stating the following information: -

*Farmer - Killed in action on the 19th April, Captain Cyril Herbert Berkeley Farmar. London Regiment. Only son of the late Charles Edward Farmer and Mrs Farmer of **Devonia, Kingsdown, Deal**.*

**The house is now called Hilden and is next door to Cliff Cottage on The Rise where the Bunyard brothers lived.**

A Mrs Farmar was also recorded as living at **Patches South Road** in Pain's Directory of 1916. It is probable the house was **Patches in Bayview Road**, where in 1913 a Miss B Farmar was employed as a dress maker.

#### 18. **Lance Corporal Henry Christopher Friend** (service number G/4730)



Born and baptised in Kingsdown in 1890, Henry served with the 6th East Kent Regiment 37<sup>th</sup> Brigade 12th Division, losing his life on the battle field on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1915. His parent's headstone in the churchyard at Kingsdown records Henry as buried at Ploegsteert near Ypres but in fact he is buried to the south east about a mile behind the British front line<sup>19</sup>

**Right: Photo of Henry Friend's grave taken by Ms Ann Garde**



<sup>19</sup> A man is not dead until he is forgotten by Chris Price (2014)

As shown below Henry's death is recorded in the Deal, Walmer & Sandwich Roll of Honour Part 2 of 1919 on page 52 (photograph by E V Bowles of Dover) and on the Kingsdown memorial. Henry grew up in Kingsdown, went to the local school, later working on a local farm and at the post office before enlisting. He was the youngest son of Christopher and Mary Ann Friend, part of a large local family who resided at **Oakleigh Upper Street**.

**LCE.-CORPL. H. C. FRIEND.**

Henry Christopher, younger son of Mr. Christopher Friend, of Oakleigh, Upper Street, Kingsdown, enlisted in the 6th Batt. The Buffs, in September, 1914, and in due course went to the front. He was killed instantaneously by a shot through the head while on duty in the trenches on the 19th August. His platoon commander and platoon sergeant wrote testifying to his popularity among his comrades, and to their regret at the loss of a promising soldier "always willing to lend a hand at anything." Educated at Kingsdown School, deceased was for some 13 years in the employ of Mr. May, of May Tree Farm Dairy, and afterwards of Mr. D. D. Pittock, grocer, &c., of Kingsdown Post Office. He was 24 years of age.

**19. Lieutenant Herbert John Roy Hosking** (no service number)



Herbert, whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board, and at Kingsdown, served with the Royal North Lancashire Regiment. On the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1916 he left for France and was immediately promoted to full Lieutenant and attached to the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of his Regiment. By the 22<sup>nd</sup> July he was on the Somme.

At age 19 years he was reported missing on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1916, three days before he was 20, which a year later became his presumed date of death. Herbert is remembered at the Thiepval memorial (pier & face 11c) along with many other soldiers whose bodies were never found.

As a child Herbert attended Dover County School and was later employed by a shipping firm trading with Hong Kong. In 1914 Herbert joined the Public Schools and University Battalion at Epsom as a private. By 1915 Herbert was gazetted as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion the Loyal North Lancaster's passing with distinction machine gun and musketry courses; passing on these skills to trainees/reservists in the 11th Battalion.

Herbert was the son of James and Florence Hosking of **Kingsdown Villa**. He was born in 1896 at Cliftonville and had an older sister called Ophelia and a brother called Ronald. Pain's Directory for 1918 also records a J. Chilston Hosking living in **Mount Pleasant Lane**; probably a relative. Herbert is included on the Roll of Honour, page 129 as copied overleaf.

## LIEUT. H. J. R. HOSKING.

Lieut. Herbert John Roy Hosking, Loyal N. Lancs. Regt., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hosking, of Kingsdown Villa, Kingsdown, was reported wounded and missing on the 23rd July, 1916. No further information was obtained, and a year later the official announcement was received that he was presumed to have been killed on the date named. Lieut. Hosking was born at Cliftonville on the 26th July, 1896, and was therefore still three days from the attainment of his 20th birthday when he was first reported missing. He attended Dover County School, obtaining his A.A. in 1913, and in October receiving an appointment with a shipping firm trading with Hong Kong. On the outbreak of war he joined the University and Public Schools Battalion as a private at Epsom. Gazetted 2nd Lieut. in the 3rd Batt. Loyal North Lancs., on the 11th May, 1915, and passing his exams. at Pembroke College, Cambridge with distinction, he was stationed at Felixstowe on the 22nd June. He afterwards took up machine gun work, and after going through a course at the Hythe School of Musketry, and passing with distinction, he was engaged in training drafts for the front. At a few hours' notice he was sent to France on the 13th July, 1916, and only ten days later was reported missing after leading his men over the parapet to capture a German trench. He had been promoted Lieut. while in the field. Lieut. Hosking was most popular with all who knew him, and his C.O. wrote: "Here he did excellent work, and I was very pleased to get him transferred to this battalion, as he was such a capable and promising young officer."

### 20. Acting Colour Sergeant Luke Jarvis (service number CH/13747)



Luke, whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board, and at Kingsdown served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Marine Light Infantry 63<sup>rd</sup> Royal Naval Division. He died during the opening attack on Miraumont on 17<sup>th</sup> February 1917 aged 32. He is buried at Queens Cemetery Bucquoy near the village of Miraumont (1.M.S).

Luke the son of Luke and Mary Ann, was born in 1872, baptised at St John's Church and as a child went to the local school in Upper Street. On leaving school he worked at sea, the son of a lifeboat coxswain, a seafaring tradition he continued even after he enlisted.

The Jarvis family lived at numbers **4 and 6 North Road Kingsdown** for many generations and indeed his families' descendants continue to live locally. When he was killed Luke left a wife called Mabel Jane who was living in North Road during the war later moving to Gillingham.



**North Road Kingsdown 1907**

**21. Private James Alexander Lilly ( service number J2880)**

James, whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board, and at Kingsdown served with The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) 7<sup>th</sup> Service Battalion.

James died on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1918 aged 25 years old and is buried in Vis-En-Artois Memorial Calais (3). He born in Kingsdown in 1893, the son of John Richard and Elizabeth Lilly and recorded as living at both **3 North Road** and **7 The Rise Kingsdown** in street and trade directories.



Jas. Lilly was caretaker of the Kingsdown Parish Reading Room in 1921. This property is now known as Flint House (pictured left), the front section built to serve the cottages of North and South roads as the **Fisherman's Reading Rooms**. A later extension added to the original building which was apparently known as the Long Room.

During the Second World War troops were billeted at the property and to the front wall is a commemorative plaque to Thomas Sydenham Clarke whose family lived in Kingsdown House. Until relatively recent times a Mr Lilly lived in **Ivy Cottage Undercliffe Road** .

## 22. **Sapper Edmund Walter Pain** (service number 155597RE)

Edmund Pain, whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board under Walmer and at Kingsdown enlisted in 1916, joining the 72<sup>nd</sup> Field Company Royal Engineers. He died on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1917 while working at night; his body was never recovered. Edmund's name is included on the Menin Gate in Ypres<sup>20</sup> . His details are included on the Roll of Honour on page 126.



Edward was the son of Edmund and Mary Pain of Kimberley College Road Deal. Before the war Edmund had attended the Methodist (Wesleyan) school in Deal and later worked as an apprentice carpenter<sup>21</sup>. When he died he left a wife Bertha Alice Arnold<sup>22</sup> (nee Branston) of **3 South Road Kingsdown**, daughter of a local lifeboat man.

## 23. **Second Lieutenant Leslie King Raynor (Rayner)** (service number 155597)

Leslie, whose name is included on the Deal Victoria Hospital Great War Memorial Board and at Kingsdown served with the Royal Sussex Regiment (T), 13th Battalion, 3rd South Downs, later joining the 116th Trench Mortar Battery. Leslie lost his life during one of the phases of the Battle of Ypres on the 17th April 1917 aged 35 years. The inscription on his grave reads:

*THEY SEEM TO DIE BUT THEY ARE IN PEACE THANKS BE TO GOD WHICH GIVETH  
US THE VICTORY*

Leslie is buried at Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery in Belgium. Prior to the war he lived with his parents and siblings at 105, Hurlingham Road Fulham London where he worked as a solicitor's clerk. Son of Arthur Leopold and Charlotte Annie Rayner also of 17, Dryburgh Road, Putney, London. In 1916 Leslie's parents are listed as residing at **23 North Road Kingsdown**.

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<sup>20</sup> The Menin Gate Memorial to the missing is a war memorial in Ypres, Belgium dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Ypres Salient of World War I and whose graves are unknown

<sup>21</sup> Sapper Edmund Walter Pain Royal Engineers by Mr Chis Price of Kingsdown (2014)

<sup>22</sup> Arnold family: Jarvist Arnold (1815- 1896) an early licensee of the Zetland Public House on Kingsdown beach became the famous coxswain of the Kingsdown lifeboat "Sabrina". In 1872 the crew saved the lives of 31 crew and 14 life-boatmen who had been stranded on a sinking ship called the Sorrento. See: [http://www.thewillistree.info/arnold\\_jarvist\\_lifeboatman/](http://www.thewillistree.info/arnold_jarvist_lifeboatman/)