

# Margate War Memorial

## 1939-1945 Roll of Honour – Servicemen (in alphabetical order)

### ADAM H. T. B.

6287810 L/Cpl Herbert Thomas Bardell Adam, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs

Reported missing in May 1940 whilst serving as a Territorial during the France and Flanders Campaign (Dunkirk). He was aged 22 and was officially reported, at the end of March 1941, as killed in action. The CWGC show his date of death as 17<sup>th</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> November 1940. He was formerly employed by Bobby & Co.

*Interred at Framecourt Churchyard, Pas de Calais, France*

### AIANO R. H.

1434385 Sgt (Air Gunner) Robert Harold Aiano, RAFVR, 431 (RCAF) Sqdn

Died 28<sup>th</sup> April 1944 at Montzen on the Belgian-German border. He was aged 20. He had been evacuated to Staffordshire before being called up. His name was added to the WWII War Memorial tablets shortly after their unveiling

*Interred at Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerp, Belgium*

### ALLEN V. H.

6289346 Pte Victor Henry Allen, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs

Died 1<sup>st</sup> January 1941 whilst a prisoner of war in Poland. He was aged 21. Had been taken prisoner at Dunkirk in May 1940. He was called up at the outbreak of war and had previously worked as a hairdresser's assistant.

*Interred at Malbork Commonwealth War Cemetery, Poland*

### AMPHLETT W. V. F.

161781 Pilot Officer William Victor Francis Amphlett, RAFVR, 50 Sqdn

Killed when piloting Avro Lancaster bomber ME797 shot down near Vorst, Germany on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1944. He had previously worked in a bank at Ramsgate.

*Interred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany with six of his fellow crew members*

### ANSELL G. E.

2589109 Signalman George Edward Ansell, 9 Line Maint. Sec., Royal Corps of Signals

Died from diphtheria in a Thai prisoner-of-war camp on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1943. He had been reported missing for 14 months after the fall of Malaya. He was aged 26.

*Interred at Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery, Thailand*

### ARNOLD R. G. C.

29198 Wing Commander Roy George Claringbould, 9 Sqdn, Bomber Command, RAF

Killed in air combat at sea on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1941. He was aged 30. He was the eldest son of the licensee of the Kent Hotel, Marine Terrace and had joined the RAF in 1931 as a pilot officer. He and his wife, Vera, had made their home at Daventry, Northants.

*Interred at Blankenberge Town Cemetery, Belgium*

### ASHWOOD A. H.

Sgt (Pilot) Albert Henry ("Dick") Ashwood, RAFVR

Died from his injuries sustained when his aircraft crashed on landing at Lichfield. He died on 24<sup>th</sup> December 1941 – his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. He had served in the RAF for a year and had had his wings for four months. Prior to his RAF service, he had been a member of the civilian staff at New Scotland Yard for five years. He was a fine sportsman and formed the Westonville Cricket Club.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

### BACON L. W.

748230 Sgt-Observer Leslie William Bacon, 21 Sqdn, RAFVR

Killed when his Bristol Blenheim was hit by flak and crashed into the sea off Heliogoland whilst on operational duties on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1941; all three members of the crew perished. He was aged 24. Being before called up, he had worked at Margate Public Library since leaving Chatham House School, Ramsgate.

*Commemorated by CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial*

### BAKER W. E.

C/KX 87152 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class Walter Epsley Baker, HM Submarine Grampus, Royal Navy

Killed in enemy action when his submarine was depth-charged in the Mediterranean between Augusta and Syracuse on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1940. He was aged 24. All 59 crew were lost. His sister, Mrs Ivy Winifred Spiner (née Baker) was killed in an enemy air raid on London just three months later and her name is also inscribed on Margate War Memorial – curiously in both her maiden name and her married name.

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### **BALCOMBE F. L.**

*6297039 Gunner Frederick Leslie ("Sunlight") Balcombe 1 Bty, 1 Maritime Regt, Royal Artillery*

Died in hospital at Cairo of a tumour on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1943. He was aged 33 and had been serving as an anti-aircraft gunner on merchant ships in convoy. His first trip was the convoy on which the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, sailed for his Atlantic Charter meeting with the President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt. In a letter sent to his mother on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1941 on arrival at New York he wrote: "We dropped anchor on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7-30 in the morning and as we were coming up to New York Harbour, the coast line looked like Margate does in Peace time with all lights showing. I went last night up to Broadway, 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fifth Avenue and what a treat – all lights blazing just like London in old times. But for all they say about these lights, give me Margate and London with the Bombs and Searchlights." He joined the Army early in the war.

*Interred at Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt*

### **BALDOCK A. A.**

*911856 Cpl Albert Arthur Baldock RAFVR*

Died in a hospital in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1943 from injuries received in a motor transport accident whilst serving with the RAF. He was aged 27 and had married Miss Evelyn Peers of Cheshire only eight months previously. He was a keen sportsman and had played for the Birchington Football Club before volunteering for the RAF in 1940.

*Interred at Nuwara Eliya (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, Sri Lanka*

### **BALESTRINI L. A.**

*Chief Cook Luigi Angelo Balestrini, MV Empire Star, Merchant Navy*

Died when his ship was torpedoed north of the Azores *en route* to South Africa on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1942 by U615. He was aged 26. He had joined the Merchant Navy before the war and had made several trips across the Atlantic. He made his home at Godalming, Surrey with his wife Marjorie. His parents had a restaurant on Marine Terrace.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Tower Hill Memorial*

### **BANGHAM D. B.**

*300844 Lt David Bell Bangham, The Queen's Royal Regt (West Surrey) attd 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn Monmouthshire Regt*

Died in Germany as the result of an accident while serving with the British Liberation Army on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1945. He was aged 21. He had previously served two years in the Margate Home Guard before going to Sandhurst from where he passed out with a commission in the Royal Armoured Corps. He was later drafted into the infantry and subsequently was slightly wounded.

*Interred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany*

### **BARLOW A.**

*6284700 Sgt Arthur Barlow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt)*

Died from illness in South Africa on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1942. He was aged 30. Two months earlier, he had been wounded at Libya and while on his way home on a hospital ship, contacted pneumonia and was taken to a hospital in South Africa. He had joined the Army in 1931 and served for seven years in India. Early in the war, he had been sent to France and, later, was amongst those evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940.

*Interred at Pietermaritzburg (Fort Napier) Cemetery, Natal, South Africa*

### **BARRON A. S.**

*Radio Officer Arthur Sidney Barron, HMS Patroclus, Naval Auxiliary Personnel, MN*

Died when his ship – an armed merchant cruiser – was torpedoed by U99 north west of Ireland on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1940. He was aged 30. He and his wife, Amy, had their home at Harrow, Middlesex.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Liverpool Naval Memorial*

### **BEERLING W. E. W.**

*Lt Wilhelm Ernest Wanstall Beerling, Indian Army Ordnance Corps*

Died in India from dysentery on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1941. He was aged 38. As a young man, he had been apprenticed to the Isle of Thanet Electric Supply later securing positions as an electrical engineer in London, Falkirk and Dundee – where he became manager and secretary of the ice rink at Dundee for four years and where he served as a lieutenant in the Home Guard for two years. He and his wife, Gladys, made their home at Dundee. He also left a son aged 10.

*Interred at Delhi War Cemetery, India*

### **BETTS H. S.**

*C/KX 84296 Leading Stoker Herbert Sidney Betts, RN*

Died in Margate General Hospital from illness on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1943. He was aged 27. He had served nine years in the Royal Navy and had been invalided out of the Royal Navy on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1943 after a long illness.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery where a CWGC headstone marks his grave although no trace of this sailor can be found in the CWGC Debt of Honour Register*



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### BISHOP C. M.

6296939 Pte Cyril Martin Bishop, 10<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs

Killed during an air raid on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1943 when he stopped in London to meet a friend when on his way home whilst on leave. He was aged 21 and had joined The Buffs in October 1940.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

### BLACK S. N.

D/JX 173752 Signalman Sydney Norman Black SS Fort Pelly, RN

Died when SS *Fort Pelly* was attacked from the air on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1943 at Augusta Beaches, Sicily. He was aged 23 and his parents ran a gift shop in The Parade, Margate. He is also commemorated on a personal memorial plaque in the Cliftonville synagogue.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Plymouth Naval Memorial*

### BOYCE V. C.

P/KX 93352 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class Victor Cornwall Boyce, HM Submarine *Turbulent*, RN

Died when the *Turbulent* was lost in the Mediterranean on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1943. The submarine had sailed from Algiers on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1943 and failed to return. It is thought that the *Turbulent* was either sunk in the Bay of Naples or mined off the coast of Sardinia. There were no survivors. He was aged 24.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial*

### BRADLEY V. T.

1259352 Sgt Victor Thomas Bradley, 76 Sqn RAF

Killed when his aircraft was shot down over Holland on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1943. He was aged 22. He made his home at Leamington Spa with his wife Mary.

*Interred at Roermond RC Cemetery, Netherlands*

### BRIGHURST W. A.

658114 Sgt Pilot William Archibald Brighurst, 221 Sqn RAF

Killed whilst on night operations from Malta on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1943. He was aged 30. He had been a former member of the *Isle of Thanet Gazette* printing staff before moving to Buckinghamshire.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Malta Memorial*

### BROOMAN F. W. C.

C/MX 76623 Joiner 4<sup>th</sup> Class Frederick Walter Charles Brooman, HMS *Welshman*, RN

Died when his ship – a minelayer – was torpedoed by U-617 on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1943 off the coast of Tobruk. He was aged 32. He left a widow, Florence.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### BROWN F.

749624 Aircraftman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Frank Brown, RAFVR

Died in the Middle East whilst serving with the RAF on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1941. He was aged 23. He had joined the RAFVR before the war and had been called up on the outbreak of hostilities. His vocal talent won him the Osborne Cup at the Margate Eisteddfod in 1937.

*Interred at El Kabir War Memorial Cemetery, Cairo*

### BUCKLE R. W. J.

1865368 Flt Engr Sgt Roy William Joseph Buckle, 102 Sqn RAFVR

Killed in an operation flight on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1943. He was aged just 19 and, within ten days of commencing operational flights, had made three trips over Germany in a night bomber. He was the first member of the Thanet Squadron of the ATC to pay the supreme sacrifice.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

### BUSSEY S. A.

1471456 Sgt WOP/Air Gunner Sidney Arthur Bussey, RAFVR

Killed in Scotland in an air crash on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1943 whilst returning from flying operations. He was aged 21. Before the war, he had been well known in Thanet for his swimming abilities and had been awarded the Royal Humane Society's medal for life saving.

*Interred at Newton Stewart Cemetery, Wigtownshire*



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### **CAMPANY E. W.**

*1392046 Flt Sgt Eric William Campany, 99 Sqdn RAFVR*

Died from a tropical disease on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1945 whilst serving as an air bomber in South-East Asia Command. He was aged 21. He had joined the RAF in 1942 and spent a year at a training school in Canada. Before the war, he had worked in an estate agent's office.

*Interred at Calcutta (Bhowanipore) Cemetery, India*

### **CAMPBELL W.**

*T/628509 Driver William Walter Campbell RASC*

Killed in action in the Middle East on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1942. He was aged 20. He had been in the Army since the beginning of the war and had spent nine months in France, returning to England just before the evacuation from France.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt*

### **CHANT D. V.**

*1250594 Sgt Pilot Dennis Vivien Chant, 207 Sqdn RAFVR*

Killed in action during a bombing raid on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1941. He was aged 21. He was educated at Margate Central School and had recently married.

*Interred at Shaffen Communal Cemetery, Diest, Belgium*

### **CHURCH R. E.**

*6290901 L/Cpl Richard Ernest ("Dick") Church, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Killed on active service on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1940. He made his home at Uckfield with his wife Betty. He had previously lived at The Hussar Public House, Garlinge.

*Interred at Uckfield Cemetery, Sussex*

### **CLARK H. L.**

*C/SSX 13701 Petty Officer Henry Leslie Clark, HM MTB 316, RN*

Died when his ship – a motor-torpedo boat – was sunk by gunfire from the Italian cruiser *Scipione* off Reggio, in the Mediterranean Sea on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1943. He was aged 29.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **CLARK R. C.**

*6284515 Pte Robert Edward Clark, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died at sea on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1943. He was aged 31. His parents lived at Garlinge.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Athens Memorial*

### **CLARKE C. A.**

*122756 Major Cecil Alexander Clarke MC, Royal Engineers*

Died in a military hospital on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1943. He was aged 53. He spent much of his life in the Argentine where he had a ranch. He came to England in 1914 to join the Army and, from 1915 to the end of that war, held a commission in the Royal Engineers. He returned to his ranch after the war but returned to England some years later. For seven years before the Second World War, he was a member of the Cliftonville estate agents Clarke and Crittenden. He made his home at Biddenden with his wife Edith. He left a widow and four sons.

*Interred at Brenzett Cemetery, Kent*

### **CLEWLEY R. J.**

*1642854 Leading Aircraftman Robert John Clewley, 5015 Airfield Construction Unit RAFVR*

Died when a Lancaster bomber accidentally smashed into buildings at RAF Fulbeck on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1945. He was aged 42. Ten died instantly (including LAC Clewley) and another five succumbed to their injuries in the days that followed.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

### **COLLARD E. J.**

*2928595 Pte Edward James Collard, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders*

Killed in action on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1940. He was aged 21. Earlier in his short life, he had lost both his father and his mother.

*Interred at Bourghelles Communal Cemetery, Nord, France*



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## CONNELLY [sic] T. E. A.

*Thomas Edwin Arthur Connolly (although it is believed he served with the Merchant Navy, he is categorised by the CWGC as 'Civilian War Dead' – hence absence of rank)*

He died when his ship – the SS *Aguila* – was torpedoed by an enemy submarine off the south-west coast of Ireland on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1941. He was aged 33. Before the war he had been employed at the Winter Gardens. The *Aguila* was *en route* from Liverpool to Gibraltar and amongst the other lives lost by the sinking of the ship were 22 Wrens bound for service at Gibraltar.

*The CWGC Debt of Honour Register does not show where Thomas Connolly is commemorated by the Commission although, as a merchant seaman, his name might be expected to be on Tower Hill Memorial*

## COOK R. J.

*1280357 Ldg Aircraftman Ronald John Cook, RAFVR*

Died from injuries received in enemy action in an air-raid on York on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1942. He died two days later – just four days after his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday. He had been a keen Salvationist and had been a member of Margate Salvation Army Band before the war. He left behind a widow and four-month-old daughter.

*Interred at Fulford Cemetery, Yorkshire*

## COOK S. C.

*C/J 113747 AB Stanley Cyril Cook, HMS Calypso RN*

Died when his ship – a cruiser – was sunk off Crete by a torpedo fired from the Italian submarine *Bagnolini* on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1940.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on Chatham Naval Memorial*

## CORY J. E.

*1538889 Sgt John Edwin Cory, 138 Sqdn RAFVR*

Killed when his aircraft – a Short Stirling – was shot down by flak over the North Sea on 27<sup>th</sup> February 1945 and all seven crew perished. He was aged 23. He was a graduate member of the Incorporated Association of Architects & Surveyors and the only son of Detective Chief Inspector Percy Cory and Elizabeth Cory who lived at Tivoli Park Avenue.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on Runnymede Memorial*

## COULES E. C. A.

*1331982 Sgt Edwin Charles Alfred Coules, 405 (RCAF) Sqdn RAFVR*

Killed when his aircraft – a Handley Page Halifax – was shot down by an enemy-night-fighter south-west of Namur, Belgium on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1942. All eight crew perished. He was aged 19. He was a member of St Paul's Troop of Boy Scouts and was a cub instructor.

*Interred at Hotton War Cemetery, Luxembourg*

## COX A. V.

*2154737 Sapper Albert Victor Cox, RE*

Died in hospital in Scotland on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1943 after a short illness. He was aged 20.

*Interred at Stranrear (Glebe) Cemetery, Wigtownshire*

## COX E. E.

*1440046 Aircraftman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Eric Edgar Cox, RAF*

Died of illness on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1943 after only ten days' service in the RAF. He was aged 37. Before the war, he was well known in Margate as a partner in photographic studios in Sweyn Road and had suffered ill-health for five years before being called up. His father, Edward Cox, who established the photographic studios in Sweyn Road, had served as official photographer with the Dardanelles Commission set up in 1916 to establish what had gone wrong at Gallipoli in WWI.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

## CROUCH D. W.

*6290443 Pte David Walter Crouch, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Killed in action in the Middle East on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1943. He was aged 25. He was called up in March 1940 and married the following month. He had served over two years in the Middle East. He left behind a widow, Phyllis.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt*

## CROWHURST P. A.

*1942656 Sapper Percy Ambrose Crowhurst, 56 Div Postal Unit, RE*

Died on active service in the Middle East on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1943. He was aged 38. His name is also on the Margate Post Office War Memorial in Cecil Square.

*Interred at Tripoli War Cemetery, Libya*



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### **DALTON**            **G. H.**

*343527 Cpl George Henry Dalton, RAF*

Died of illness at Scunthorpe War Memorial Hospital on 17<sup>th</sup> February 1944. He was aged 42. He had served at the Royal Naval Air Station at Westgate-on-Sea as a Sea Scout in the Great War. Before the Second World War, he had been employed by coal merchants in Margate. He left behind a widow, Lilian.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

### **DALY**                **J. J.**

*1433818 Gunner James Joseph Daly, 235 Bty, 89 HAA, RA*

Killed in action in the Middle East on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1941. He was aged 24. Before the war, he was a member of the staff of Margate Public Library. He had also served as secretary of the Labour Party's League of Youth movement in Margate. (See also J. D. Middleton)

*Interred at Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya*

### **DAVIS**             **W. A. J.**

*927362 Sgt Air-Gunner William Albert James Davis, 218 Sqdn RAFVR*

Missing presumed dead on air operations over Germany on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1941. He was aged 21. He was a keen sportsman and, as a member of Margate Ambulance Corps, was one of those who rendered valuable service to troops landed at Margate during the evacuation from Dunkirk in 1940. His father was an Old Contemptible.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial*

### **DAWES**            **C. R.**

*T/164653 Driver Cyril Raymond Dawes, RASC*

Killed in action in the fall of Singapore on 15<sup>th</sup> February 1942. He was aged 22. He left behind a widow, Agnes.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Singapore Memorial*

### **DE BOCK**         **S. J.**

*C/SSX 13701 OS Stephen James de Bock, HMS Duchess, RN*

Died when his ship – a destroyer – was sunk in a collision with the battleship HMS *Barham* off the coast of the Mull of Kintyre on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1939. He was aged 19. His mother, Lily, had lost her first husband when he was killed in the Great War and her second husband, who had served as a corporal in The Buffs during the Great War, subsequently died as a result of being severely gassed during that war. (See also G. E. Taylor)

*Commemorated by CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **DOORNE**         **A. H.**

*200725 Capt Arthur Hartley Doorne, 9<sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regt)*

Killed in action in Italy on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1944. He was aged 29. When war broke out, he was recalled as a reservist and was in France with the RAMC until the evacuation from Dunkirk in 1940. He transferred to the Royal Fusiliers upon obtaining his commission and served through the Tunisian campaign before being sent to Italy. He left behind a widow, Edna.

*Interred at Beach Head Cemetery, Anzio, Italy*

### **DOUGHTY**        **H. J.**

*AB Horace James Doughty, MV Angularity, MN*

Died from enemy action when his ship was sunk in the North Sea by German E-boats on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1941. He was aged 23. He had served three years in the Merchant Navy having previously been a fisherman. (See also L. H. Manning)

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Tower Hill Memorial*

### **DUCKETT**         **A. G. F.**

*170623 2/Lt Alan George Francis Duckett, RASC*

Died of wounds on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1942 at El Alamein. He was aged 26.

*Interred at El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt*

### **DUXBURY**        **I. P.**

*106248 Pilot Officer Ivan Peter Duxbury, 37 Sqdn RAFVR*

Killed in night operations in the Middle East on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1942. He was aged 29. Before the war he was an insurance agent. He volunteered for the RAF on the outbreak of war and served for a year as an observer. He left behind a widow, Eileen, and young son. His late father, Mr G. C. Duxbury ARCA, was the former Principal of the Thanet School of Art.

*Interred at Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya*



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### EDMUNDS A. T. N.

2189441 Sgt Arthur Thomas Noel Edmunds, Army Catering Corps attd 6<sup>th</sup> Bn Lincolnshire Regt

Killed in action in North Africa on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1943. He was aged 30. Before the war, he had worked as a chef with his father at the Hurlingham Hotel, Cliftonville. He served three years in the Army. He left behind a widow, Olga, and a son.

*Interred at Massicault War Cemetery, Tunisia*

### FAGNONI R. M.

6102731 Pte Ronald Martin Fagnoni, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt

Died on active service in Italy on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1944. He was aged 32. Before the war, he was a member of the Auxiliary Fire service. He was called up into the Army in 1940 but was transferred back into the Fire service during the blitz that year and was stationed at Coventry. He returned to the Army in November 1942, serving in Sicily and Italy. In his spare time he had been a dance-band leader in Margate. His parents had been café proprietors in Margate and Birchington.

*Interred at Bari War Cemetery, Italy*

### FEDARB T. E.

TL/KX 106879 Stoker Thomas Edward Fedarb, HM Trawler Topaze, Royal Naval Patrol Service

Lost at sea when his ship – a minesweeper – collided with the battleship HMS *Rodney*, off the Clyde, on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1941. He was aged 39. He had joined the Navy in May 1940 and had taken part in the evacuation of Dunkirk shortly afterwards. He left a widow and two children. He had lost two older brothers in the Great War – Richard (who died of wounds on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1915 whilst serving with The Buffs) and Albert (who lost his life in the Munitions Explosion at Faversham on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1916). A third brother, Petty Officer Arthur Stanley Fedarb, had received the medal of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire from HM King George VI only a few days before Thomas lost his life.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Lowestoft Naval Memorial, Suffolk*

### FIELD A. T.

14734666 L/Cpl Anthony Thomas Field, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn Monmouthshire Regt

Killed in action in Western Europe on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1945. He was aged 19.

*Interred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany*

### FINCH G.

C/J 10187 AB George Finch, HMS *Jervis Bay*, RN

Died when his ship – an armed merchant cruiser escorting 31 merchant ships – was sunk by the German battleship *Admiral Scheer* on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1940 in the Atlantic. The Captain of the *Jervis Bay*, Capt Edward Fegen, had engaged the enemy head-on thus giving the ships of the convoy time to scatter. The Captain went down with his ship and was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. (See also W. C. Mardell and R. F. Woolley)

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### FULLER E. W. D.

14254782 Driver Ernest William Dover Fuller, 1 Div Sigs, Royal Corps of Signals

Killed in action while serving with the First Army in Tunisia on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1943. He was aged 19. He was killed when an enemy aircraft dropped two bombs – one of which landed ten yards away from him. Before joining the Army, he had served in the Home Guard for two years, becoming a Bren-gunner.

*Interred at Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia*

### GARRAWAY F. F.

Group Captain Frederick Frank Garraway OBE, RAF

Killed by enemy action on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1941. He was aged 41. On leaving school, he chose the air service as a career and rose to command an RAF bomber station after serving at the Air Ministry as Deputy Director of Organisation. He was the eldest son of Mr B. J. Garraway, chief officer of Margate Ambulance Corps and had served with conspicuous success in the RNAS/RAF for 24 years. He was awarded the OBE in the King's birthday honours list in 1935. He left a widow and a son, Derek.

*Interred at Newton-upon-Ouse (All Saints) Churchyard, Yorkshire*

### GEEN K. R.

1895133 Sgt Air Gunner Kenneth Roy Geen, RAFVR

Died when his aeroplane – a Wellington bomber – crashed near Castle Donington airfield, Leicestershire during a night exercise on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1944. He was aged 22. Of the crew of six, five were killed and one injured in that incident.

*Interred at Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, Oxon together with three other members of the crew*



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### GEORGE F. H.

*Lt Frederick Henry ("John") George, HMS Tenedos, RNVR*

Killed on Easter Saturday (5<sup>th</sup> April) 1942 when his ship – a destroyer – was sunk in Colombo Harbour, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) as a result of a Japanese air attack. He was aged 28. He was a Chartered Accountant and had gone to the Far East on business a year or two before the war. He had been serving with the RNVR in Malaya from the beginning of the war and went through the evacuation of Singapore and Penang.

*Interred at Colombo (Kanatte) General Cemetery, Sri Lanka*

### GIBBONS W.

*636380 Warrant Officer WOp/Air Gunner William John Patrick ("Billy") Gibbons, RAF*

Died in an air crash on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1943 when flying as air gunner instructor in a bomber. He was aged 23. All of the occupants perished in the incident. He had joined the RAF before the war and had extensive service as air gunner on bombing raids over Germany and Italy as well as making many operational sorties from Malta. He and his wife, Eileen, had made their home at Elstree.

*Interred at Elstree St Nicholas Churchyard*

### GLENN E. W.

*6286318 RQMS Edwin Wallace Glenn, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Killed in action *en route* from Egypt to Leros on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1943. He was aged 26. He had been a member of the Territorial detachment of The Buffs for four years before the war. On the outbreak of war, he went to France with the battalion and was evacuated from Brest in 1940. He later went to Malta where he spent three years including the time when the island was besieged.

*Interred at Haidar Pasha Cemetery, Turkey*

### GODDEN P.

*P/JX 296385 OS Peter Herbert Godden, HMS Airedale, RN*

Died when his ship – a destroyer – was sunk south of Crete on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1942 after being disabled by a force of Ju87 aircraft. He was aged 19. Before joining the Navy in September 1941, he had been employed by a Margate butcher.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial*

### GOLDER G. H.

*P/JX 263292 OS George Henry Golder, HMS Galatea, RN*

Killed in action while serving in the Mediterranean on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1941 when his ship – a cruiser – was sunk by two torpedoes fired from a U-boat. He was aged 31. He left behind a widow, Hilda, and two small children.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial*

### GREEN E. R.

*C/JX 193642 Leading Signalman Ernest Robert Green, HMS President II, RN*

Died from illness at Chatham Naval Hospital on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1942. He was aged 54. He had joined the Navy at 15 and had served throughout the Great War leaving the Navy in 1919. He left behind a widow, Elsie, and three daughters.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

### GURNEY F. R.

*P/JX 220349 AB Frederick Reginald Gurney, HMS Laforey, RN*

Died when his ship – a destroyer – was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1944. He was aged 22. He had previously taken part in the invasion of Italy and Sicily and in the landings at Salerno and Anzio. He had been an apprentice in the "Gazette" Printing Works for four-and-a-half years before joining the Navy. (See also M. Sherrin)

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Plymouth Naval Memorial*

### GURNEY G. B.

*6300502 Pte George Bertram Gurney, 1/6<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Killed in action in North Africa on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1943. He was aged 19. He had been posted missing within two weeks of arriving in North Africa. Before being called up in June 1942, he had served in the Home Guard.

*Interred at Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia*

### HADLOW A. T.

*1382460 Sgt Pilot Alfred Thomas Hadlow, 604 Sqn RAFVR*

Died on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1943 at Mullion, Cornwall. He was aged 22. He left behind a widow, Jessie.

*Interred at Richmond Cemetery, Surrey*



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### **HADLOW D.**

*1850564 Flt Sgt Desmond Hadlow, 576 Sqdn RAFVR*

Killed in air operations over Chemnitz on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1945. He was aged 20. He had volunteered for the RAF at the age of 17.  
*Interred at Berlin 1939-45 War Cemetery, Germany*

### **HAY A. F.**

*5507452 Pte Albert Frederick Hay, 12<sup>th</sup> Bn Hampshire Regt*

Died at Harwich Hospital on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1942 after a short illness. He was aged 25. His parents had moved from Margate to Southampton. His brother Terrence also died in service (see below).

*Interred at Southampton (Hollybrook) Cemetery, Hampshire*

### **HAY T. E.**

*6351101 L/Cpl Terrence Eric Hay, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt*

Killed in action in North Africa on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1943 – four days before his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. He left behind a widow, Doris, and a young son. His brother Albert also died in service (see above).

*Interred at Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia*

### **HODGMAN E. W.**

*C/LX 167338 AB Gunner Ernest Walter Hodgman, HM Trawler Lincoln City, RN*

Died when his ship – an anti-submarine trawler – was bombed by enemy action off the Faroes on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1941. He was aged 29. He left behind a widow, Dorothy.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **HOGBEN G. H.**

*P/KX 82690 Petty Officer Stoker George Henry Hogben, HM Submarine Pandora, RN*

Killed during air raid at Grand Harbour, Malta on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1942. He was aged 27. The *Pandora* had arrived at Malta the previous day carrying vital supplies for the island. It was kept on the surface during daylight to facilitate discharge of her cargo when a very heavy air raid took place which resulted in her sinking within four minutes of being bombed. He left behind a widow, Madge, who was serving as a petty officer in the WRNS.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial*

### **HOGBEN R. G.**

*1391913 Flt Sgt Ronald George Hogben, 37 Sqdn RAFVR*

Killed in action in Italy on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1945. He was aged 21.

*Interred at Bari War Cemetery, Italy*

### **HOLLIS G.**

*P/JX 231693 OS Signalman Bramwell Gordon Hollis, HMS Hood, RN*

Died when his ship was sunk by gunfire from the German battleship *Bismarck* in the North Atlantic on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1941. He was aged 28. He had been an accountancy assistant in the Borough Treasurer's Department of Margate Corporation for five years before joining the Navy. Over 1,400 lives were lost when the *Hood* was sunk.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial*

### **HOLMAN V.**

*658820 Leading Aircraftman Victor Holman, RAF*

Killed on active service during training as a pilot in the USA on 19<sup>th</sup> September 1942. He was aged 23. He had been called up shortly before the outbreak of war and served for two years with the Royal Artillery. He then volunteered for the RAF and was transferred about a year before his death. He had received elementary flying training in this country before being sent to America for further training. (See also L. M. Viggers)

*Interred at Oakwood Cemetery Annexe, Montgomery, Alabama, USA*

### **HOLTON J.**

*14601354 L/Cpl Jack Holton, 2/4<sup>th</sup> Bn Hampshire Regt*

Died of wounds in Italy on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1944. He was aged 34. He and his wife, Kathleen, had made their home at Streatham. He also left behind a daughter.

*Interred at Assisi War Cemetery, Italy*

### **HORNE P. C.**

*6286979 L/Cpl Percy Cyril Horne, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died when the transport ship, *Lancastria*, was sunk on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1940 off St Nazaire whilst evacuating troops from Dunkirk. He was aged 19. Before the war, he had been a swimming instructor at the Lido Swimming Pool, Cliftonville.

*Commemorate by the CWGC on the Dunkirk Memorial, France*



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### HOWARD A.

88643 Flt Lt Arthur Howard, RAFVR

Died in a flying accident in India on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1945. He was aged 37. He left behind a widow, Maud.

*Interred at Delhi War Cemetery, India*

### IMPETT H. C.

1572803 Gunner Henry Charles Impett, 48 Bty, AA Regt, RA

Died in a prisoner-of-war camp in Borneo on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1945. He was aged 33. He had volunteered for the Army in May 1940 and went to the Far East 18 months later. After being in Java for only three weeks, he was posted as missing. It was not until a year later that news was received that he was being held as a PoW. He left behind a widow, Violet, and a nine-year-old son.

*Interred at Taiping War Cemetery, Malaysia*

### JACKSON W. J.

948888 Bombardier William Joseph ("Bill") Jackson, 241 Field Bty, 61 Field Regt, RA

Killed in action when entering a minefield at Arnhem on 27<sup>th</sup> November 1944. He was aged 26. Two months previously, he had been home on compassionate leave when his father died. He left behind a widow, Gladys.

*Interred at Weert (Swartrbræk) Churchyard, Limburg, Netherlands*

### JAKEMAN P. B.

Lt Patrick Baddeley Jakeman, HM Submarine Sickie, RNVR

Died on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1944 (approx) when his submarine was sunk, probably mined, in the anti-Kithera Channel, Greece. He was aged 22. He had been educated at Stanley House School, Cliftonville and was articled to solicitors at Tiverton when he was called up. He had volunteered for secret service and is reported to have carried out secret undertaking of a hazardous nature as a 'human torpedo'.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial*

### JONES W. G.

887442 Gunner William Graham Jones, 105/119 Field Bty, 31 Field Regt, RA

Killed in action in Egypt on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1940. He was aged 19. His death was reported to be the 'first Margate casualty in the war in the East'. Before the war, he had worked as a butcher's roundsman. His father had served in the Royal Engineers throughout the Great War and been wounded.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt*

### JORDAN C. F.

2815370 Pte Clarence Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Seaforth Highlanders

Died of wounds at El Alamein on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1942. He was aged 41. He left behind a widow, Ivy.

*Interred at El Alamein Cemetery, Egypt*

### JORDAN G. H.

C/JX 154068 AB George Henry Jordan, HMS Kelly, RN

Died when his ship – a destroyer – was attacked in the Mediterranean by German dive-bombers on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1941. The ship's commanding officer was Capt Lord Louis Mountbatten.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### JOY F.

347116 Cpl Fred Joy, 73 Sqdn RAF

Died when the transport ship, *Lancastria*, was sunk on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1940 off St Nazaire whilst evacuating troops from Dunkirk. He was aged 38. He left behind a widow, Daisy.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial*

### JUKES A. C.

927655 Sgt Albert Charles Jukes, 150 Sqdn RAFVR

Killed in action when his aircraft – a Wellington bomber – failed to return from operations on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1942. He was aged 21 and had taken part in numerous bombing raids. He formerly worked with his father at the Westonville garage.

*Interred at Huldenburg Churchyard, Belgium together with the other four members of the crew*

### KENNARD I. A.

7946168 Cpl Ian Anthony Kennard, "B" Sqdn, 17<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Lancers, RAC

Killed in action on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1944 in Italy. He was aged 23.

*Interred at Cassino War Cemetery, Italy*



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### **KENNINGTON G. T.**

*1158838 Sgt Air Gunner George Thomas Kennington, 218 (Gold Coast) Sqdn, RAFVR*

Killed in action when his aircraft – a Stirling bomber – came down on the Strait of Dover on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1943 during a night raid on Hamburg. He was aged 29. He had made over 40 operational flights in little more than a year, taking part in many large-scale raids. Among the towns he had bombed were Cologne and Turin. He was formerly employed as a baker's roundsman. He left behind a widow and three children. His father died of wounds during the Great War (see also A. Kennington).

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial*

### **KIRKMAN B. E. H.**

*656749 Sgt Pilot Basil Cedric Harold Kirkman, 250 Sqdn RAF*

Killed in action on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1943 whilst on air operations in Libya. He was aged 24. He joined the Territorial company of The Buffs in 1935 and in 1939 became a sergeant-instructor in the Royal Fusiliers, later being promoted to CQMS. In 1941, he transferred to the RAF and gained his wings eleven months later. He went to the Middle East as a pilot flying a Kittyhawk.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt*

### **KITCHINGHAM T.**

*642298 Cpl Tom Kitchingham, RAF*

Died in a prisoner-of-war camp in Borneo on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1945. He was aged 25 and was a wireless electrical mechanic. He had joined the RAF in May 1939 and was sent to Malaya in the summer of 1941. He went missing *en route* from Singapore to Java that September and his family received no news until March 1943 when a card was received from a PoW camp reporting that he was in excellent health.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Singapore Memorial*

### **LARSEN E. M.**

*1378763 Warrant Officer W/Op Air Eric Michael Larsen., 180 Sqdn RAF*

Killed while on air operations on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1944. He was aged 24.

*Interred at Brussels Town Cemetery, Brussels*

### **LAW R. P.**

*14779321 Signalmán Reginald Percy Law, HG L of C, Royal Corps of Signals*

Died from blood poisoning in India on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1945. He was aged 19. He had served in the Home Guard for two-and-a-half years before joining the Army in June 1944. He went overseas in March 1945.

*Interred at Maynamati War Cemetery, Bangladesh*

### **LAWES W. P.**

*C/JX 229343 Petty Officer Wilfred Percy Lawes DSM, HMS Osprey, RN*

Died from illness at a Naval base in Scotland on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1943 after only a few hours' illness. He was aged 30. He had served nine years in the Navy and had distinguished himself in anti-submarine work for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. He later gave instruction in submarine detection in both Canada and this country. In June 1940, he experienced some narrow escapes when his ship was engaged in the evacuation of the BEF.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

### **LENTON R. A.**

*42315 Sqdn Leader Pilot Reginald Arthur Lenton MC, DFC, 540 Sqdn RAF*

Reported missing over the North Sea during a bombing raid on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1943. He was aged 30. He had taken a short-service commission in the RAF just prior to the outbreak of war and completed his training in Iraq. He was then posted to the Middle East serving with bomber and reconnaissance squadrons at Aden and Egypt. He and his crew were reported missing after being shot down over enemy territory in November 1941 and nothing was heard of them until June 1942 when they stole a fishing boat and sailed back to Egypt. In December 1942, he was awarded the Military Cross 'in recognition of distinguished service'. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross shortly before he was reported missing for the second time.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial*

### **LEWIS D. J.**

*LT/MX 109628 Cook Douglas John Lewis, HM ML 1163, Royal Naval Patrol Service*

Died when his ship – a harbour defence motor launch – was torpedoed by a German surface craft in the Adriatic on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1945. He was aged 22.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Lowestoft Naval Memorial, Suffolk*



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### **LONGHURST     A. A.**

*1262258 Sgt Air Gunner Alfred Arthur Longhurst, RAFVR*

Killed in a flying accident on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1942. He was aged 22. He had volunteered for the RAF in 1939 and had been on active service for two years.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial*

### **LONGSHAW     D. H.**

*2379303 Pte Derek Herbert Longshaw, 204 Bn Pioneer Corps*

Killed in action at Sicily on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1943. He was aged 21. He had joined the Army in 1940 and went to North Africa with the First Army in November 1942. He had been engaged in cable laying during the Battle of Tunisia. After leaving school, he was a milk roundsman.

*Interred at Syracuse War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy*

### **LOVE             V. J.**

*C/JX 152557 Leading Seaman Victor John Love, HMS Lightning, RN*

Killed on active service when his ship – a destroyer – was torpedoed by German S-boats in the Mediterranean on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1943. He was aged 26. He had joined the Navy in 1937 and served on the China station on HMS *Kent* before the war. While on the *Lightning*, he had taken part on convoys to Malta and in the occupation of Madagascar.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **MACHIN         W. L.**

*10670043 Sgt Wilfred Lionel Machin, RASC*

Died in the Sudan (now Eritrea) on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1941. He was aged 31.

*Interred at Keren War Cemetery, Eritrea*

### **MALOY          A. G.**

*C/KX 111693 Stoker 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Albert George Maloy, HMS Formidable, RN*

Died on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1941. He was aged 22.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **MANCEY        D. A. A.**

*6406367 Pte Donald Arthur Asquith Mancey, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt*

Killed in action in Burma on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1944. He was aged 24. He had served overseas from March 1941 first going to the Middle East with the Royal Sussex Regt and seeing action at Tobruk and at El Alamein where he was wounded. After a time in hospital he transferred to the RASC and served in Persia (now Iran) and Iraq. He was then posted to the Royal West Kent Regt and went to India and Burma.

*Interred at Kohima War Cemetery, India*

### **MANNING       L. H.**

*AB Leslie Herbert Manning, MV Angularity, MN*

Died from enemy action when his ship was sunk in the North Sea by German E-boats on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1941. He was aged 20. The *Angularity* was *en route* from Ipswich to Newcastle. (See also H. J. Doughty)

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Tower Hill Memorial*

### **MARDELL       W. C.**

*111285 Cooper William Cecil Mardell, HMS Jervis Bay, Naval Aux. Personnel (MN)*

Died when his ship – an armed merchant cruiser escorting 31 merchant ships – was sunk by the German battleship *Admiral Scheer* on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1940 in the Atlantic. He was aged 40. The Captain of the *Jervis Bay*, Capt Edward Fegen, had engaged the enemy head-on thus giving the ships of the convoy time to scatter. The Captain went down with his ship and was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. (See also G. Finch)

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Liverpool Naval Memorial*

### **MAYCOCK       T.**

*6288931 Pte Thomas Henry Maycock, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died from illness at Herne Bay Isolation Hospital on 16<sup>th</sup> December 1941. He was aged 23. He had served in France in the early months of the war.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*



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### MIDDLETON J. D.

1433436 Gunner John Dodd Middleton, 235 Bty, 89 HAA Regt, RA

Killed in action on the Middle East on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1941. He was aged 32. Before the war, he was employed by Messrs Bobby & Co as a fabric buyer. He had joined the local Territorial battery of the Royal Artillery and was mobilised just before the outbreak of war. (See also J. J. Daly)

Interred at Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya

### MILES R. L.

1894319 Sapper Raymond Lewis Miles, 621 Field Coy, RE

Killed on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1944. He was 27.

Interred at Tilburg (Gilzerbaan) General Cemetery, Netherlands

### MILLS L. C.

828440 L/Sgt Leonard Cecil Mills, 5 Regt, RA

Died of wounds on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1942 whilst serving with the Eighth Army in the Middle East. He was aged 28. He received his wounds the previous day. He had joined the Army in 1932 and had served four years in India. He went on to the Reserve in 1938 and was recalled to the colours the following year. He went to France on the outbreak of war and had been evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940.

Interred at El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt

### MOODEY A. L.

1531527 Gunner Arthur Leslie Moodey, 112 HAA Regt, RA

Killed in action in Western Europe on 27<sup>th</sup> November 1944. He was 28. He joined up soon after the outbreak of war and went overseas for the first time after D-Day. He had been serving with his brother for a short while before they were both killed on the same day. (See also S. M. Moodey below)

Interred at Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerp, Belgium next to the grave of his brother Sidney

### MOODEY S. M.

1752376 Gunner Sidney Maynard Moodey, 112 HAA Regt, RA

Killed in action in Western Europe on 27<sup>th</sup> November 1944. He was 26. He joined up at the end of 1940 but had been serving with his brother for a short while before they were both killed on the same day. (See also A. L. Moodey above)

Interred at Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerp, Belgium next to the grave of his brother Arthur

### MORRIS C. T. R.

1321632 Sgt WOp/Air Gunner Charles Thomas Richard Morris, 156 Sqdn RAFVR

Killed in air raid on Berlin when his aircraft – a Lancaster bomber – crashed on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1944. He was aged 30. He left behind a widow, Kathleen.

Commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial

### MUNDAY S. A.

6855879 Rfn Stanley Albert ("Bill") Munday, 12<sup>th</sup> Bn Kings Royal Rifle Corps

Killed in action at Kleve, Germany on 16<sup>th</sup> February 1945. He was aged 23. He left behind a widow, Doris.

Interred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany

### MUNDAY W. C.

1473456 Ldg Aircraftman William Charles Munday, 2900 Sqdn RAFVR

Killed in Athens as a result of air operations on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1944. He was aged 20. He had been in the services for about four years having previously been a member of Margate Home Guard. Prior to enlistment, he had worked for a Westbrook ironmonger and later in a Westbrook dairy.

Interred at Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece

### MURTON R. E.

6354904 Trooper Ronald Ernest Murton, 114 Regt RAC

Killed in action whilst serving as a tank gunner in France on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1944. He was 21. He had been called up on January 1942 and spent the first six months with the Royal West Kent Regt before transferring to the Royal Armoured Corps. Before joining up, he had served in the Margate Company of the Home Guard.

Interred at St Desir War Cemetery, Caen, France



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### OVENDEN C. R.

*T/825233 Driver Cyril Richard Ovenden, RASC attd 51 LtAA Regt, RA*

Killed in action at Mondicourt, France on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1940. He was aged 27. He was called up on the outbreak of war. Before the war, he had been the fly-weight boxing champion of East Kent and a popular driver/conductor on the East Kent buses. He had also been a member of the Holy Trinity Church choir. He left behind a widow and a daughter.

*Interred at Mondicourt Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France*

### OVENDEN R.

*6287819 Gunner Richard Ovenden, 4 Maritime Regt, RA*

Killed in a motorcycle accident just outside Naples on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1944. He was aged 26. He had been called up with The Buffs Territorials in August 1939. In 1941, he volunteered for transfer to the Maritime Regt and went to Italy in early 1944 as a driver and despatch-rider. He left a widow, Margaret, and two young sons.

*Interred at Naples War Cemetery, Italy*

### PARISH P. W.

*90304 Major Peter Wilfred Parish, The Buffs attd Rajputana Rifles*

Killed in action at Burma on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1944. He was aged 29. He had previously worked at Barclays Bank, Sandwich.

*Interred at Imphal War Cemetery, India*

### PARKER E. E.

*AB Edward Ernest Parker, SS Napier Star, MN*

Died when his ship – a passenger-cargo liner owned by the White Star Line – was torpedoed in the Atlantic on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1940 whilst *en route* from Liverpool to New Zealand. He was aged 23. He was at home on leave from the Merchant Navy in May 1940 when the Margate lifeboat was asked to go to Dunkirk to assist in the evacuation of the BEF. He volunteered his services to his uncle (who, at the time, was the lifeboat coxswain) which were accepted. The lifeboat was out for 21 hours and the service he helped to render was summed up by the commander of the destroyer HMS *Icarus*: “The magnificent behaviour of the crew of the Margate lifeboat who, with no thought of rest, brought off load after load of soldiers from Dunkirk, under continuous shelling, bombing and aerial machine-gun fire, will be an inspiration to us as long as we live.”

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Tower Hill Memorial*

### PAUL H. G.

*6286716 Pte Harry Gordon Paul, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn Suffolk Regt*

Died in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp in Malaya on 8<sup>th</sup> July 1943. He was aged 20.

*Interred at Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery, Thailand*

### PEARCE A. J.

*6287991 Pte Arthur James Pearce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Accidentally killed in an explosion whilst on guard at an ammunition dump on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1940. He was aged 19. He had joined the Regular Army just before the outbreak of war and went to France in March 1940. He had shown ability as a boxer.

*Interred at Cagnicourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France*

### PEGG J. E.

*51958 Flying Officer Pilot James Edward Pegg, 238 Sqdn RAF*

Died on active service in an aircraft accident in Egypt on 27<sup>th</sup> December 1943. He was aged 22.

*Interred at Port Said War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt*

### PELLATT F.

*1800826 Sgt Bomb Aimer Frederick James Pellatt, RAFVR*

Killed on active service on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1943. He was aged 29. He was on a navigation training flight from RAF Kinloss when the aircraft (an Avro Anson) crashed killing all six members of the crew. He had volunteered for the RAF just over a year previously and had spent six months training in Canada where he won bronze and silver medals for military shooting. Prior to joining up, he had served in the Margate Home Guard. He left behind a widow and four children.

*Interred at Arbroath Eastern Cemetery, Angus, Scotland*

### PERKINS J. W.

*John W. Perkins*

Unfortunately, despite many enquiries, it has not been possible to further identify this name on Margate War Memorial.

*The CWGC Debt of Honour Register shows four records for ‘J. W. Perkins’ but none seem to have any connection with Margate*



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### PHILLIPS R.

552759 Aircraftman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ronald Phillips, RAF  
Died in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1944.  
Commemorated by the CWGC on the Singapore Memorial

### PHILPOTT H. G.

Master Harold William George Philpott, SS Tribesman, MN  
Died when the German battleship Admiral Scheer in the Atlantic sank his ship – a cargo-liner – on 1st December 1940. He was aged 50. He first went to sea as a boy serving his apprenticeship at West India Docks before working for a Liverpool firm of ship owners for 28 years.  
Commemorated by the CWGC on the Tower Hill Memorial

### PHILPOTT W. H.

1450007 Pte Walter Herbert Philpott, Army Catering Corps  
Died on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1944. He was aged 33. He left behind a widow.  
Interred at Bari War Cemetery, Italy

### PIERCE G. A.

1576221 Pte George Albert Pierce, "B" Troop 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Dorset Regt  
Killed in action in Normandy on D-Day (6<sup>th</sup> June 1944). He was aged 27. He joined the Army in 1940 and spent two years training in Scotland where he met his wife. They were married in September 1943. He left behind a widow, Barbara.  
Interred at Bayeux War Cemetery, France

### PIERCES [sic] C.

LR/JX 183707 Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stanley Charles Pierce, HM Trawler Hickory, RN Patrol Service  
Died when his ship struck an enemy mine in the English Channel on 22nd October 1940.  
Commemorated by the CWGC on the Lowestoft Naval Memorial

### PILCHER A. D.

40848 Pilot Officer Alonzo Derrick Pilcher, 50 Sqdn RAF (Bomber Command)  
Died when his aircraft came down on the sea while on return from Narvik on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1940.  
Commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial

### PILCHER A. E.

1422507 Ldg Aircraftman Arthur Edward ("Buller") Pilcher, 5019 Airfield Sqdn RAFVR  
Died of bronchial pneumonia on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1944 after a short illness. He was aged 42. He left behind a widow, Ada.  
Interred at Greenford Park Cemetery, Middlesex

### POCKNELL A. E.

918615 Aircraftman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Arthur Ernest ("Boy") Pocknell, RAFVR  
Died as a consequence of an air crash into the sea on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1941. When the aircraft was sinking, he was one of three to get out but it seems that his only thought was to help those who were trapped inside. He was last seen climbing back through a hatchway seconds before the aircraft disappeared from view. He was aged 27 and before the war had been employed at the head office of Messrs Vye & Sons, grocers.  
Interred at Margate Cemetery

### POUPARD A

934286 Sgt Pilot Aubrey Poupard, 10 Sqdn RAF  
Killed in action on air operations over Germany on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1941. He was aged 21. All five crew were killed when his aircraft crashed. While on a previous flight to Germany in June 1941, his bomber had crashed into the North Sea and all the crew were rescued from their dinghy a few hours later.  
Interred at Oldebræk General Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands

### PROCTOR L. J.

14551824 Gunner Leslie John Proctor, 71<sup>st</sup> Anti-Tank Regt, RA  
Killed in action 'somewhere in France' on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1944. He was aged 19. He had joined The Buffs a year earlier. He was previously a milk roundsman before working for a local brewer.  
Interred at Brouay War Cemetery, Calvados, France



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### **PROSSER G. N.**

214530 Capt Gordon Nash Prosser, 2/7<sup>th</sup> Bn The Queen's Royal Regt (West Surrey)

Killed in action in Italy on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1944. He was aged 26. He had been a teacher by profession. He was called up in 1940 and served for a while in the Royal Army Pay Corps. He was commissioned shortly after and in October 1942 went to Palestine and later served through the North African Campaign. He left behind a widow, Patricia.

*Interred at Grandara War Cemetery, Italy*

### **PYLE L. F. W.**

1556021 Gunner Leslie Frederick Walter Pyle, 48 LAA, RA

Died in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1943. He was aged 32. He left behind a widow, Emily.

*Interred at Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan*

### **RALPH R. E.**

934263 Warrant Officer WOp/Air Gunner Robert Edward Ralph, 223 Sqdn RAFVR

Killed in action when his aircraft – a Liberator – crashed on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1945. He was aged 24. He is buried with two other members of the crew who were killed in that crash. He had volunteered for the RAF in 1940 and received his air-gunner's wing the following year. He was on his second tour of operations when he lost his life. Before the war, he had been a keen footballer.

*Interred at Leopoldsbury War Cemetery, Limburg, Belgium*

### **RALPH W. E.**

190702 Pilot Officer Flt Engr William Edward Charles Ralph, 640 Sqdn RAFVR

Killed in action on air operations over Germany on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1945 when his aircraft – a Handley Page Halifax – crashed killing six members of the crew of seven. He was aged 20. He had taken part in 42 bombing raids over Germany. Before joining the RAF in June 1943, he had been employed by Margate Corporation in the Borough Engineer's Office. He had also been a keen member of the ATC and a patrol leader in the Holy Trinity Scout Group. There is a memorial to him in St John's Church (UKNIWM 29010).

*Interred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany along with four other members of the crew (the sixth member of the crew who was killed is commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial)*

### **REDBOURN P. R.**

1335751 Sgt Pilot Peter Reginald Redbourn, 10 Sqdn RAFVR

Killed in action on air operations over Germany on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1943 when his aircraft – a Handley Page Halifax – crashed killing six members of the crew of eight. He was aged 19. He joined the RAF in 1941 volunteering for flying duties and had been sent to Canada for part of his training.

*Interred at Becklingen War Cemetery, Niedersachsen, Germany along with the other five crew members who were killed*

### **REYNOLDS D. A.**

First Radio Officer Derrick Arthur Reynolds, SS Norhauk, MN

Died when his ship sunk after striking an enemy mine in the Thames Estuary on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1943. He was aged 21 and had served in the Merchant Navy for four years. The Norwegian-registered cargo-ship was *en route* from Nova Scotia to London when it struck the mine. Eleven lives were lost.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Tower Hill Memorial*

### **REYNOLDS J.**

6140314 Cpl John William George Reynolds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn East Surrey Regt

Died in the Malaya jungle on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1942. He was aged 27. His sister was Matron at the Royal School for Deaf and Dumb, Margate.

*Interred at Taiping War Cemetery, Malaysia*

### **RILEY E.**

OS Edward Charles Riley, SS Lulworth Hill, MN

Died when his ship – carrying cargo from Mauritius – was sunk by an Italian submarine on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1943 whilst at sea. He was aged 17 and had joined the service when 15. The *Lulworth Hill* was lost with all hands.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Tower Hill Memorial*

### **RUSSELL J. R.**

550667 Ldg Aircraftman Jack Ronald Russell, RAF

Died on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1940 when the SS *Abukir* was sunk by a German motor-torpedo boat off Ostend on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1940. He was aged 20. On leaving school at 16, he went to Cranwell for training in RAF. He went to France in October 1939. He was a great sportsman and won medals for cross-country running and cricket.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial*



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### SAUNDERS E.

6286076 Pte Eric ("Sammy") Saunders, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs  
Died in France of gunshot wounds to the head on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1940. He was aged 19.  
Interred at Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery, France

### SAUNDERS L. R.

C/KX 75319 Leonard Roger Saunders, HM Submarine Thistle, RN  
Died when his submarine was sunk by the German submarine U4 in the Norwegian Sea on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1940. He was aged 33.  
There were no survivors. He left a widow, Viola.  
Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial

### SAYER H. V.

14651158 Pte Horace Victor William Sayer, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs  
Died in Italy of wounds to the abdomen on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1944. He was aged 22. He had been wounded at the beginning of December after serving overseas for about ten months. Before joining the Army, he had been employed by the Medway Steam Packet Company at Rochester.  
Interred at Santerno Valley War Cemetery, Italy

### SCOTT H. G.

6300524 Pte Harold George Scott, RASC  
Died from shell-shock on 28<sup>th</sup> December 1945 at Banstead Military Hospital, Surrey. He was aged 22.  
Interred at Margate Cemetery

### SCOTT J. H.

C/KX 100641 Stoker 2<sup>nd</sup> Class John Henry Scott, HMS Imogen, RN  
Lost his life when the destroyer HMS Imogen collided in thick fog with the cruiser HMS Glasgow in the English Channel on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1940. He was aged 20. The Imogen, was returning to Scapa Flow, subsequently caught fire and had to be abandoned.  
Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial

### SETTERFIELD F. A.

C/KX 105338 Frederick Arthur Setterfield, HMS Electra, RN  
Died when his ship – a destroyer – was sunk by the Japanese destroyer Asagumo during the Battle of Java on 27<sup>th</sup> February 1942. He was aged 24. HMS Electra was part of a combined American, British, Dutch and Australian naval force which was attempting to frustrate the Japanese naval force supporting the Japanese invasion of Northern Java.  
Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial

### SHALLCROSS R. E.

7894035 L/Sgt Ronald Edward Shallcross, RAC  
Killed in action in Germany on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1945. He was aged 31. He had served in the Royal Tank Corps in the early months of the war and, after evacuation from France in 1940, had transferred to 3SF Detachment, Main HQ, 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group, BLA. He left behind a widow, Peggy.  
Interred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany

### SHERRIN M.

C/JX 137258 Petty Officer Malcolm Sherrin, HMS Laforey, RN  
Killed in action on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1943. He was aged 26. He was serving as yeoman of signals on the destroyer Laforey which had been attacked in operations off Italy. He had joined the Navy in 1932 at the age of 15 and seen service at Haifa and been on patrol duties off the Spanish coast during the Spanish Civil War. From 1939, he had served in the Mediterranean and was at Malta during its siege. He also served in the North Atlantic and took part in the landings at Sicily and Salerno. (See also F. R. Gurney)  
Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial

### SIMMONDS L. A. J.

1532453 Pte Leslie Alfred John Simmonds, Pioneer Corps  
Died 4<sup>th</sup> April 1946 from tuberculosis. He was aged 37. He left behind a widow, Alice.  
Interred at Margate Cemetery



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### **SIMPSON J. T.**

*Mess Room Boy John Thomas Simpson, SS Jim, MN*

Died when his cargo-ship was sunk by enemy action (probably mined) on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1945 whilst *en route* from Goole to Dieppe. He was aged 17 and had been in the service for only seven months. He had previously been a member of Margate Sea Cadet Corps.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Tower Hill Memorial*

### **SMITH A. S.**

*40187 Flying Officer Pilot Albert Stanley Smith, 61 Sqn RAF*

Died when his aircraft – a Handley Page Hampden – was shot down near Rheine, Germany on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1940. He was aged 23. He left behind a widow, Ida.

*Interred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany along with the other three members of the crew*

### **SOLLY F. T.**

*1351524 Cpl Frederick Thomas Solly, RAFVR*

Died at a prisoner-of-war camp in Java on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1944. He was aged 39. He had joined up soon after the outbreak of war and was reported missing in the Far East in 1941. It was not until two years later that it was learnt that he was held as a prisoner of war. He left behind a widow, Phyllis.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Singapore Memorial*

### **SPRATLING C. V. E.**

*14320524 Pte Charles Victor Edward Spratling, Royal Army Pay Corps*

Died suddenly from bronchial asthma at Bromsgrove Military Hospital, Worcestershire on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1945

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

### **STEERS A. H.**

*1819122 Sgt Flt Engr Albert Henry Steers, 61 Sqn RAFVR*

Killed on operational duties when his Lancaster bomber was reported missing on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1944. He was aged 19. He had volunteered for the RAF when he was 17 and was called up a year later. He was on his twelfth raid when he met his death.

*Interred at Hanover War Cemetery, Hamburg, Germany along with one other member of the crew (five other crew members were held as prisoners of war)*

### **STEVENS W. S.**

*931022 Ldg Aircraftman William Stanley Stevens, "B" Flight, "C" Unit, 50 Sqn RAFVR*

Killed with four other crew members when their bomber crashed on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1942.

*Interred at Thurlby (St Germain) Churchyard, Lincolnshire*

### **STIFF J. R.**

*1873707 Sapper John Richard Stiff, 30 Fortress Coy, RE*

Died as a prisoner of war in Japan on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1943. He was aged 23

*Interred at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand*

### **STOKES R. E.**

*882578 Pte Ronald Edwin Stokes, 7<sup>th</sup> Bn Ox & Bucks Light Infantry*

Killed in action in Italy on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1944. He was aged 25. He joined the RA Territorials in 1938 and was called up with the Margate Anti-Aircraft Battery immediately on the outbreak of war. He served in Egypt and later went to Iraq and India. On being transferred to the Ox & Bucks LI, he went to Italy. Before joining up, he was employed by the Isle of Thanet Gas Light and Coke Co.

*Interred at Coriano Ridge War Cemetery, Italy*

### **SUTTON W. J.**

*1524512 Sgt Walter John Sutton, 280 Bty, LtAA Regt, RA*

Killed on active service while a hospital patient when the hospital was bombed by enemy action on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1942. He was 28. He had just arrived in North Africa with the First Army when he met his death. Before joining the Army, he was employed as a shop assistant in Cliftonville. He left behind a widow, Kathleen and a four-year-old son.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Medjez-el-Bab Memorial, Tunisia*



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### TANNER P.

934067 Flt Sgt Pilot Peter Tanner, No. 2 Aircraft Delivery Unit, Middle East Command, RAFVR

Killed on active service in the Middle East on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1943. He was aged 22. He had been a member of the Margate Ambulance Corps for two years and, from the outbreak of war until his enlistment in the RAF in July 1940, he had been a full-time member of a First Aid Party. During the evacuation from Dunkirk, he had performed invaluable work in attending to troops at Margate Harbour and at Margate General Hospital. He had gained his pilot's wings in August 1941 and the following December he was sent to the Middle East.

*Interred at Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya*

### TAWSE W. J.

C/MX 116263 Chief Motor Mechanic 4<sup>th</sup> Class William Johnston Tawse, HMS Pembroke II, RN

Died at the Royal Navy Hospital, Chatham on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1945. He was a Chief Motor Mechanic on a LCT (Landing Craft Tank). He was formerly a Margate policeman

*Interred at Tunbridge Wells Cemetery*

### TAYLOR G. E.

C/JX 139440 AB George Edward Taylor, HMS Duchess, RN

Died when his ship – a destroyer – was sunk in a collision with the battleship HMS *Barham* off the coast of the Mull of Kintyre on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1939. He was aged 21. He had joined the Navy when 15 and trained at HMS *Ganges* and later joined HMS *Valiant*. Later he was transferred to HMS *Ramillies* which was twice damaged in collisions during his period of service. He was later transferred to HMS *Dilwara* before his final transfer to HMS *Duchess*. (See also S. J. de Bock)

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### THOMAS C. W.

5389619 Pte Charles William Thomas, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn Essex Regt

Died on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1944 at Villa Grandes, Italy. He was aged 30. He left behind a widow, Ellen.

*Interred at Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy*

### TODD W. R.

1435926 Gunner William Alfred Todd, 12 Bty, 6 HAA Regt, RA

Killed in action in the Far East on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1942. He was aged 21.

*Interred at Jakarta War Cemetery, Indonesia*

### TOMPKINS G. F.

6289023 Pte George Frederick Tompkins, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs

Died on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1943 aged 24. He had joined The Buffs early in 1940 and had been sent to France in April that year. He was captured at the time of Dunkirk and was being repatriated when he died on board the ship carrying him home as a result of the hardship inflicted on him whilst a PoW. He was buried at sea.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Dunkirk Memorial*

### TUFFIN C. W.

1448761 Pte Charles William Tuffin, Army Catering Corps attd RA

Died at Hexham-on-Tyne Emergency Hospital on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1944. He was aged 39.

*Interred at Leyland (St Andrew) Churchyard, Lancashire*

### TURNER M.

1389695 Sgt Bomb Aimer Maurice Turner, 467 Sqdn RAFVR

Killed on operational duties over Stettin, Germany when his Lancaster bomber was reported missing on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1944. He was aged 38. He was the first of Margate's policemen serving in the forces to lose his life in the war and had been amongst the first batch of Margate policemen to volunteer for the RAF in October 1942. He went to Rhodesia for training and, after passing out, had been on operational flights from this country including several of the raids on Berlin shortly before his death. Before joining the Police Force, he was on the staff of Margate Post Office. He left behind a widow, Rosetta.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial*

### TURNER T. H. [sic]

6291758 Pte Thomas Reginald Turner, 7<sup>th</sup> Bn Hampshire Regt

Killed in action serving in Western Europe on 15<sup>th</sup> February 1945. He was aged 25. He had joined up early in 1940 and served with an anti-aircraft unit through the Battle of Britain. Later, he was transferred to the infantry and went overseas four days after D-Day. Before the war, he had worked as a plasterer for a local builder. He was a keen footballer and played for a number of local teams.

*Interred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany*



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### **TURTLE H.**

*1529532 Gunner Harry Turtle, 25 Bty, HAA Regt, RA*

Died of illness at Louth County Infirmary on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1945. He was aged 31. He was called up in June 1940. He took part in the Nijmegen bridgehead battle where he was wounded and brought back to England. Before the war, he was employed by the Isle of Thanet Gas Co. He was also a racing-pigeon enthusiast. He left behind a widow.

*Interred at Louth Cemetery, Lincolnshire*

### **TWYMAN A. H.**

*5390075 L/Cpl Arthur Harold Twyman, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Ox & Bucks Light Infantry*

Killed in action in France on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1944. He aged 30. He joined up in the early days of the war and saw service in Ireland before being sent overseas about a month before he was killed. Prior to the war he was employed as a labourer and went to Chatham Dockyard just before war broke out.

*Interred at Banneville-la-Campagne Cemetery, France*

### **TWYMAN J.**

*CKX 93530 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Alfred ("Jack") Twyman, HMS Calcutta, RN*

Killed in action when his ship – a cruiser – was sunk by German aircraft during the evacuation of Crete on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1941. He was aged 23. He had joined the Navy three years earlier. Before joining the Navy, he had been a member of All Saints' Church Choir and a member of Garlinge Silver Band.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **TYLER G. O.**

*924164 Sgt Observer Gerald Osmond Tyler, 115 Sqdn RAFVR*

Reported missing when his Wellington bomber was lost without trace during operations to lay mines off the French coast on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1942. He was aged 30. He was a partner in a local firm of drapers before he volunteered for the RAF and he was called up in August 1940. He formerly played full-back for Margate Football Club and also for Crystal Palace English League team. He was also a keen cricketer and a member of Thanet Golf Club at Hengrove. He left behind a widow, Hilda, and a nine-year-old son.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial*

### **VENNING R. E. L.**

*565794 Sgt Reginald Edgcombe Leslie, RAF*

Died in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp in Java on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1944. He was aged 29. He had been on overseas service for seven-and-a-half years.

*Interred at Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia*

### **VIGGERS L. M.**

*576807 Aircraftman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lionel Marcus Viggers, RAF*

Killed on active service during training as a bomber-pilot at No. 5 British Flying Training School, Clewiston, Florida, USA on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1944. He was aged 20. He was killed only a few weeks before he was due to receive his wings. He had entered the RAF in August 1939 and served four years' apprenticeship as an instrument maker. He then volunteered for aircrew duties and went to the USA for training in March 1944. (See also V. Holman)

*Interred at Arcadia (Oak Ridge) Cemetery, Florida, USA*

### **WALKER H. J. C.**

*71273 Capt Henry John Cuthbert Walker, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died 7<sup>th</sup> June 1940.

*Interred at St Remy-Boscrocourt Churchyard, France*

### **WANSTALL G. H.**

*14233567 Sgt George Henry Wanstall, RAMC*

Died of wounds on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1945. He was aged 41. He joined the Army in 1942 and went to France shortly after D-Day being brought back injured a few weeks later. He later returned to France and is believed to have received his fatal wounds in Holland. Before he joined up, he was employed as a gardener at Margate Cemetery. He left behind a widow.

*Interred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany*



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### WARDELL A. A.

923374 Sgt Aubrey Alfred Wardell, RAFVR

Killed in action whilst helping to defend the Anzio beachhead in Italy on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1944. He was aged 35. He had volunteered for the RAF on the outbreak of war and had seen service in Tunisia, Algiers, Malta and Sicily before going to Italy. Before the war, he had been manager of a shop on the High Street. He left behind a widow, Marjorie, and a one-year-old son.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Malta Memorial*

### WARREN C. E.

C/SR 8368 Telegraphist Charles Edward Warren, HM TB 310, RN

Killed in action at when the motor-torpedo boat 310 was lost in a raid on Tobruk on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1942. He was aged 24. He had joined the Navy in June 1939 and had helped in the evacuation from Dunkirk when two of the ships on which he had served had sunk. One of those ships was the former London and Thanet pleasure-steamer *Royal Eagle*. Later he was aboard a vessel off Iceland when it was torpedoed and he spent twelve hours in the sea before being picked up. He later was serving on HMS *Suffolk* when she took part in the sinking of the German battleship, *Bismarck*.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### WELHAM L. W.

Aircraftman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Leslie William Welham, 51 Sqdn RAF

Killed on active service on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1941. He was aged 20. He had joined the RAF the day after he was married and he was buried on his first wedding anniversary. He had been assistant scoutmaster of the Congregational Church troop and had been employed as a greenkeeper by the Parks Department of Margate Corporation until shortly before he joined up. He left behind a widow, Iris.

*Interred at Langton Herring Church Cemetery, Dorset*

### WILLIS H. L.

C/KX 87760 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class Harold Lewis Willis, HMS Roxborough, RN

Died on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1944 from illness contracted while on North Atlantic convoy work: he had been invalided out of the Navy in 1943. He was aged 31. He had joined the Navy as a stoker in 1935 and was in Palestine during the disturbances and rioting there. Later he served in Spanish waters during the Spanish Civil War. In 1940, he took part in the evacuation from Dunkirk. Later, he was transferred to the ex-American destroyer *Roxborough* for convoy work in the North Atlantic. He left behind a widow, Marjorie.

*Interred at Luddenham (St Mary's) Churchyard, Faversham*

### WILSON D. C.

Lt Dudley Cyril Wilson, HMS Thornbryn, RNVR

Killed in action on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1941 when his ship – an anti-submarine-whaler – was sunk by German air attack at Tobruk. He was aged 31. He was educated at Stanley House School, Cliftonville and joined the Merchant Navy on leaving school. After serving five years indentures on a petroleum company's vessels between San Francisco and Singapore, he left the service and became a creative artist obtaining a position with a firm of tile-makers at Poole. In 1938, he returned to the sea by joining the RNVR and went abroad soon after receiving his commission.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Lowestoft Naval Memorial*

### WOOD F. W. K.

581423 Sgt Navigator Francis William Kenneth ("Ken") Wood, RAF

Killed on active service on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1940 when his aircraft – an Anson – crashed into the ground whilst making a 'Lorenz Beam' approach at low altitude. He was aged 24. In a letter sent to his sister, Helen, in 1987, the MoD wrote: *Your brother was stationed at the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment (A&EE) Boscombe Down, he was attached to the Blind Approach Training and Development Unit. The 'Lorenz Beam' had been developed by the Luftwaffe in the late 1930s and the equipment being used by the A&EE at the time of this fateful accident was in a highly classified experimental stage. "Ken" Wood joined the RAF in June 1939 and went through training with conspicuous success. He took part in several bombing raids over Germany before being engaged on 'special work'. Of the crew of five, two were killed instantly and one succumbing to his injuries. He had been employed for four years by Messrs Percy Gore, Sons & Co, estate agents, and was a keen cricketer.*

*Interred at Amesbury Cemetery, Wiltshire alongside the two other members of the crew*

### WOOLLEY R. F.

Second Radio Officer Richard Frank Woolley, SS Beaverford, MN

Died when his cargo-ship was sunk by the German battleship *Admiral Scheer* in the North Atlantic on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1940. He was aged 25. His father was Frank Woolley who, before the war, had played cricket for England and Kent. (See also G. Finch and W. C. Mardell)

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Tower Hill Memorial*



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**WRIGHT C. W.**

6298570 Pte Claude William Wright, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn The Buffs  
Killed in action at Anzio on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1944. He was aged 22.  
Interred at Beach Head War Cemetery, Anzio, Italy

**WRIGHT F. E.**

1398277 Sgt Air-Gunner Frank Eric Wright, 189 Sqdn RAFVR  
Killed when his Lancaster bomber crashed at Altenborg, Germany on a bombing raid to attack an oil refinery on 15<sup>th</sup> February 1945. He was aged 21 and had served in the RAF for two years. All seven members of the crew were killed in the crash.  
Commemorated by the CWGC on the Runnymede Memorial

**YEOMANSON E. C.**

2592852 Cpl Ernest Charles Yeomanson, 27 Operating Section, Royal Corps of Signals  
Died on pneumonia in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp in Thailand on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1943. He was aged 32. Before the war, he had firstly worked for a local greengrocer and later in a similar business in other parts of the country. He joined up in 1940 going out to Malaya that same year and was taken prisoner by the Japanese after the fall of Singapore. He left behind a widow.  
Commemorated by the CWGC on the Singapore Memorial

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