

ROLL OF HONOUR: "THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE"

1914-1918

Private Harry Biggerstaff, 2nd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Son of Fred and Fanny who lived at Rose Hall Farm. He arrived in France in August 1915 and was killed in action on 25 September 1915 in an attack near Hulluch during the Battle of Loos. No known grave, commemorated Loos Memorial.

Driver Arthur Bignell, 87th (Howitzer) Battery, 2nd Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Son of James and Mary, lived in the Terrace, Belsize. Employed as a council roadman. Died of wounds in a casualty clearing station at Esquelbecq on 3 June 1918. Buried at Esquelbecq Military Cemetery, France.

Rifleman Frank Bunker, 9th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps. Son of James and Annie, lived in Belsize. He was killed in action on 24 August 1916 during the capture of Edge Trench, Delville Wood, during the Battle of the Somme; and is buried at Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, France.

Private Jim Burgin, 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Son of Jessie and Eliza, he was educated at Sarratt School and lived at the Fold, Dawes Common. An active parishioner of Holy Cross, he was killed in action on 25 September 1916 during heavy fighting to capture the village of Lesbouefs during the Battle of the Somme. No known grave, Commemorated Thiepval Memorial.

Lieutenant Peter Clutterbuck, 1st Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment. Son of Peter and Fanny. Born and lived at Goldingtons; educated at Harrow School and the Royal Military College Sandhurst. Commissioned in 1913, he was killed in action 20 October 1914 near Prêmesques, while conducting reconnaissance of a position for his platoon to occupy in the firing line during the Battle of Armentières. No known grave, commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, France

Wheeler Frank Dowse, B Battery, 99th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Son of John and Elizabeth, husband of Beatrice, father to Beatrice and Geoffrey. Lived at Myrtle Cottages, Sarratt Green, kept wicket for the Sarratt XI and was employed as a carpenter. Died on 27 September 1916 of illness contracted on active service. Buried Lembet Road Military Cemetery, Salonika, Greece.

Private Charles Dyer, 5th Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Son of Gabriel Dyer, publican of the Cricketers, and the late Emma. He was a painter and husband of Mathilda. Killed in action by an enemy trench mortar shell on 2 October 1917 near Messines, buried at Bethlehem Farm West Cemetery, Belgium.

Private Sidney Evans, 7th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Son of James and Emma who lived in Sarratt. Killed in action on 18 September 1918 during a dawn attack on a strongpoint in the Hindenburg Line at Epehy. Buried Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery, France.

Private Frederick Freeman, 10th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment). Son of George and Rebekah, he lived at Sarratt Bottom and was employed as a gardener. He was killed in action on 11 June 1918 by a sniper whilst on a patrol between the lines near Auchonvillers on the Somme. No known grave, commemorated on the Pozières Memorial.

Private Frederick Friend, 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Son of John and Elizabeth, they lived on the Green and he worked as a grocer's assistant. His sisters ran the post office on the corner of Red Lion Lane. He was killed in action with enemy infantry on 18 September 1918 near Vadencourt Chateau as British troops cleared the village. Buried Vadencourt British Cemetery, France.

Private Richard Gulston, 1st Battalion, Essex Regiment. Grew up in the Watford Union Workhouse, but later moved to Sarratt Green. He attended the village school and was employed as a domestic gardener. He was killed in action on 14 April 1917 in an attack on Infantry Hill, east of Monchy-le-Preux during the Battle of Arras. No known grave, commemorated Arras Memorial, France.

Corporal Charles Hammond, 7th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Lived in North Hill Cottages and was employed as a gardener at Goldingtons. Killed in action by enemy artillery fire on 25 October 1916, whilst holding Regina Trench during the Battle of the Somme. Buried Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt, France.

Gunner Bert Hayward, 32nd Division Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery. Son of James and Helen, he was a gamekeeper and lived at Great Wood Cottage, Micklefield Green. Killed in action by enemy shellfire on 9 October 1917 and buried at Coxyde Military Cemetery, Belgium.

Private Albert Juson, 19th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Son of William and Sarah, and husband of Florence. He grew up on Sarratt Green and was employed as a painter. He died in a casualty clearing station at Esquelbecq on 16 May 1918, of wounds sustained near Vlamertinge. Buried at Esquelbecq Military Cemetery, France.

Private Harry Humphrey, 7th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. Son of George and Isabella of 'Underhill', Commonwood Bottom. Killed in action on 17 March 1917 by enemy shellfire near Arras, buried Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, France

Private Frank Kern, 7th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Foster son of William and Mary Allaway of 10 Dawes Lane, Sarratt, he served as a bell-ringer at Holy Cross Church. Killed in action on 3 January 1916 in forward trenches near Mametz. Buried Méaulte Military Cemetery, Somme, France.

Trooper Ralph Leech, Household Battalion, formerly 2nd Life Guards. Foster son of Ruth Franklin who lived in the Wheatsheaf Cottage, next to the pub. Enlisted in 1914, killed in action 12 October 1917 while clearing machine gun posts around Requette Farm, near Poelcapelle, during the Third Battle of Ypres. No known grave, commemorated Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Corporal Herbert Prestidge, 26th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Husband of Ella and father to Violet, worked for the village blacksmith at the forge. Lived in Albert Cottages, Moor Lane. Killed in action 20 September 1917 during the battalion's attack on Tower Hamlets Ridge. No known grave; commemorated Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Rifleman Arthur Pritchard, 2nd Battalion, Rifle Brigade. Son of Joseph and Annie who lived in Old Ivy Cottage, Plough Lane, Commonwood. A regular soldier, he enlisted in 1908 and had served in India for six years. Arrived in France in November 1914 and died of wounds sustained during the Battle of Neuve Chapelle on 15 March 1915. Buried Merville Communal Cemetery, France

Private Edwin Rackley, 2nd Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Son of William and Sarah, he lived at Myrtle Cottages and was a labourer at Newhall Farm before enlisting in 1905. Killed in action advancing across Mash Valley near Ovillers on 1 July 1916. No known grave, commemorated Thiepval Memorial.

Driver George Rackley, 271 Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Younger brother of Edwin. Prior to the war, he lived with his parents, who had moved to Dawes Lane. He worked as a gardener before enlisting. Died of pneumonia on 25 November 1918, buried at Alexandria War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

Private George Seabrook, 32nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Son of John and Abigail, he lived on Alexandra Road and worked as a farm labourer. Killed in action on 7 June 1917 near St Eloi during the Battle of Messines. No known grave, commemorated on the Menin Gate.

Gunner James Washington, 71st Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Husband of Ada and father to Minnie and Henry, the family lived at Deadman's Ash Cottage and he worked at Micklefield Farm. He enlisted in September 1914, serving in France from the following February. Died following a stroke, 9 November 1918, buried St Souplet British Cemetery, France.

Private Frederick Whitmore, 906th Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps. Lived in Sarratt with his wife Florence. One of 412 men killed on 4 May 1917 when the troopship SS Transylvania, was torpedoed and sunk by U-63 in the Gulf of Genoa. Buried Savona Town Cemetery, Italy.

Corporal Albert Woodward, 120th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Son of William and Jessie of Dawes Common and husband of Emily. Killed in action near St. Quentin on 21 March 1918 during the German Spring Offensive. No known grave, commemorated Pozières Memorial, France.