

Berden and the First World War



World War One 1914 - 1918

5 th December	Triple Alliance Expanded	1912
28 th June	Assassination of Franz Ferdinand	1914
28 th July	Austria declared war on Serbia	1914
1 st – 4 th August	Declarations of war under terms of alliances	1914
14 th August	Battle of Tannenberg	1914
1 st September	Triple Entente – no separate peace	1914
Late	Beginning of trench warfare	1914
January	First Zeppelin raid on Britain	1915
April	Poison gas first used	1915
7 th May	Lusitania torpedoed	1915
10 th December	Douglas Haig commander of British troops	1915
9 th February	Conscription introduced in Britain	1916
February - November	Battle of Verdun	1916
31 st May	Battle of Jutland	1916
1 st July - November	Battle of the Somme	1916
15 th September	Tanks first used	1916
28 th November	First Aeroplane Raid	1916
15 th February	German unrestricted U-boat campaign	1917
6 th April	United States declared war on Germany	1917
July	Battle of Passchendaele	1917
November	Battle of Cambrai	1917
3 rd March	Treaty of Brest Litovsk took Russia out of the war	1918
April	RAF formed	1918
August	Battle of Amiens	1918
9 th November	Kaiser Wilhelm abdicated	1918
11 th November	Armistice signed	1918

The Western Front, 1914–1918



British Army Regulars in numbers



17th Century



19th Century



Early 20th Century



Late 20th Century



*including volunteers **including the women of the ATS

Source: National Army Museum and MoD

Military casualties by country

The following table of first world war military casualties was assembled by firstworldwar.com, a vast website-archive devoted to coverage of the war. Naturally these are only estimated figures, and they do not take account of civilian casualties and deaths.

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Total
Russia	1,700,000	5,000,000	-	6,700,000
France	1,359,000	4,200,000	361,650	5,920,650
Germany	1,600,000	4,065,000	103,000	5,768,000
Austria-Hungary	922,000	3,600,000	855,283	5,377,283
Great Britain	658,700	2,032,150	359,150	3,050,000
Italy	689,000	959,100	-	1,648,100
Turkey	250,000	400,000	-	650,000
Romania	335,706	120,000	80,000	535,706
Belgium	44,000	450,000	-	494,000
Serbia	45,000	133,148	152,958	331,106
Bulgaria	87,500	152,390	27,029	266,919
United States	58,480	189,955	14,290	262,725
Australia	58,150	152,170	-	210,320
Canada	56,500	149,700	-	206,200
India	43,200	65,175	5,875	114,250
New Zealand	16,130	40,750	-	56,880
Portugal	7,222	13,751	12,318	33,291
Greece	5,000	21,000	1,000	27,000
Montenegro	3,000	10,000	7,000	20,000
South Africa	7,000	12,000	-	19,000
Africa	10,000	-	-	10,000
Caribbean	1,000	3,000	-	4,000
Japan	300	907	3	1,210

Berden

- Christ's Hospital sold Berden Hall Estate in 1919.
- In 1921 there was a population of 272 people.
- Rev. H. Hudson and 8 men belonged to the Berden Fire Brigade.
- George and Ada Sibley ran the Post Office.
- Miss E.M Catt was the School mistress with 75 children at the school.
- J Bazley of Park Green Cottage was the Carrier.

- There were 8 farmers in the village:
- W.K Durward of Berden Hall Farm
- A. Seabrook of Highlands Farm
- **W. Seabrook** of Priory Farm
- C.T.F Brown of Mill Farm
- W. Hagger of Rook Farm
- E. Martin of White House Farm
- E.M.F Petchey of Stocks Farm (The Crump)
- J.F Turpin of Francis Farm

- F.Heasell was the Grocer
- There were 2 Pubs:
- H.Mynott: The Raven
- J.Tinworth: The Kings Head
- The Forge (Wheelwrights) was owned by the Sibley family.

So in summary:

- We are looking at a community of around 270 people with two churches (C of E and Methodist), a Post Office, School, Grocery shop, two pubs, a forge, a fire crew, and 8 farms. (Kelly's Directory, 1921)



TO GEORGE SIBLEY,
FROM FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE
BERDEN CRICKET CLUB
2ND JUNE 1921.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM.

Return showing total number of Horses, Cattle, Implements, etc., in the Walden Petty Sessional Division.

PARISH.	Horses.									Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Quantity of Forage (Tons).					Number of Vehicles.					Maximum number of Gallons of Petrol stored.	Number of Implements.					Number of Male Employees.								Number of Farms or Estates having Telephones.	Would destruction by Fire of Stock involve destruction of Buildings.		
	RIDING.			LIGHT DRAUGHT.			HEAVY DRAUGHT.						Grain (Threshd) Qrs.	Grain In Stock Qrs.	Hay.	Straw.	Flour.	Wagons.	Farm Carts.	Other Horse Vehicles.	Motor Cars.	Motor Bicycles.		Pedal Bicycles.	Picks.	Shovels.	Spades.	Felling Axes.	Hand Saws.	Cattlemen or Drivers.	Labourers.	Motor Traction Engine Drivers.	Foresters.	Carpenters.	Farmers.	Men accustomed to use of Explosives.		Yes.	No.	
	Under 4 Years.	Over 4 Years.	TOTAL.	Under 4 Years.	Over 4 Years.	TOTAL.	Under 4 Years.	Over 4 Years.	TOTAL.																															
Ashdon	2	13	15	3	13	16	47	92	139	384	505	698	326	2890	534	1120	5	41	80	46	1	2	17	—	35	76	60	28	58	17	88	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	7
Arnsden	1	2	3	1	8	9	7	53	60	163	453	227	476	1961	301	473	—	6	30	14	2	—	12	120	5	17	17	4	11	5	44	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	6	8
Begden	4	4	8	2	10	12	12	37	49	232	495	257	213	1764	521	730	1	15	30	20	1	1	25	14	17	44	22	7	20	15	39	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	6	—
Birchanger	1	8	9	2	21	23	4	20	24	195	79	187	1715	255	151	87	—	4	15	40	3	1	17	—	24	53	38	6	29	15	144	4	—	—	—	2	1	9	—	
Chesterford, Great ..	2	6	8	7	15	22	21	70	91	216	208	390	2440	2056	690	1027	1303	25	51	53	8	2	29	265	26	61	48	3	35	14	82	9	—	1	—	—	1	11	—	
Chesterford, Little ..	2	4	6	—	6	6	33	27	60	149	441	85	280	3350	650	321	—	17	26	15	1	—	2	24	12	18	20	2	12	12	67	3	2	2	—	3	1	3	—	
Chrishall	—	7	7	4	18	22	15	37	52	156	487	174	467	1550	463	500	1	8	38	31	1	1	8	10	13	31	8	3	12	6	62	10	—	3	—	—	—	6	—	
Clavering	—	8	8	2	35	37	22	94	116	333	—	568	866	3599	836	884	9	22	67	56	2	1	26	4	34	67	49	14	43	10	78	1	—	1	—	3	—	25	—	
Debden	1	3	4	6	20	26	46	69	115	416	72	436	1212	2065	807	946	2	21	81	42	1	—	25	20	40	76	51	18	50	9	55	1	3	3	—	—	2	27	—	
Elmdon	8	9	17	3	18	21	54	95	149	282	2249	703	2158	3165	989	1470	—	32	83	40	5	—	22	102	34	68	38	6	31	21	122	12	5	3	1	—	—	15	—	
Elsenham	2	3	5	6	5	11	7	41	48	126	242	264	310	1458	251	205	—	5	30	14	4	—	7	62	13	21	11	3	15	10	65	2	—	4	—	—	—	1	4	—
Farnham	7	11	18	—	5	5	16	35	51	250	463	140	275	1202	361	405	—	8	30	18	3	—	7	46	16	29	18	3	12	13	28	1	3	3	—	3	—	7	—	
Hadstock	1	1	2	1	11	12	9	34	43	58	627	457	281	2018	228	286	—	11	20	16	—	1	12	50	19	23	22	5	18	8	58	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	12	—
Henham	6	8	14	3	16	19	24	55	79	310	292	251	855	2811	405	768	—	21	5	21	2	—	12	43	15	40	18	6	21	20	72	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	5	—
Langley	—	—	—	—	8	8	10	25	35	117	—	203	115	1120	104	108	—	5	20	9	—	—	8	—	7	15	9	3	8	5	26	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	13	—
Littlebury	—	4	4	4	23	27	32	47	79	143	1299	543	424	2992	324	402	—	23	47	28	—	—	11	20	24	39	28	17	39	12	69	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	
Mannenden	1	7	8	—	23	23	30	53	83	277	456	199	510	2776	312	829	5	16	40	48	2	1	29	89	28	52	33	9	35	14	64	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	

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W Seabrook

F Spencer

Appointed DoR Wardens

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41	80	46	1	2	17	—	35	76	60	28	58	17	88	1	—	—	—	—	—	26	7
6	30	14	2	—	12	120	5	17	17	4	11	5	44	1	2	2	1	—	—	6	8
15	30	20	1	1	25	14	17	44	22	7	20	15	39	3	—	1	1	—	—	6	6
4	15	40	3	1	17	—	24	53	38	6	29	15	144	4	—	—	—	2	1	9	9
25	51	33	8	2	29	265	26	61	48	3	35	14	82	9	—	1	—	—	1	11	17
17	—	15	1	—	2	24	12	18	20	2	12	12	67	3	2	2	—	3	1	3	1

Boy Bishops who fought in the First World War.

- 1901 Aelfric Hudson
- 1902 Ernest Knight
- 1903 Bertie Cracknell
- 1904 Willie Brett
- 1905 Walter Hammond and Herbert Monk
- 1906 Arthur Hammond
- 1907 John Brett
- 1908 Sidney Stone
- 1909 Arthur Debnam

Words of Rev. Hudson written in Boy Bishop Book

- Aelfric Hudson: He joined the Royal Fusiliers in August 1914. Became Captain in 1916. Severely wounded at Ypres in 1917. Ordained as a Vicar in 1919 at Bocking, Essex.
- Ernest Knight: after leaving school drove a milk cart to Ware. He was in the Berden Fire Brigade. He was badly gassed in the War. Died and buried on St Nicholas Day 1918.
- Bertie Cracknell: Became a groom and worked at Berden Priory. He was wounded in the War. Has since gone out of his mind and is at Severalls Mental Institution in Essex.

- Willie Brett: was wounded more than once in the War. He is working as an Agricultural Labourer in Clavering.
- Walter Hammond and Arthur Hammond were 2 brothers both killed in the War. Arthur exactly a year after Walter. Arthur was in the Fire Brigade.
- Herbert Monk: was wounded in the War. He is now helping his younger brother Harry Monk at his garage at the Wheatsheaf in Bishops Stortford.

- John Brett is the younger brother of Willie Brett. He was wounded in the War.
- Sidney Stone was the brother of Mercy Stone. He was killed in the War.
- Arthur Debnam served in a submarine. He was the only past Boy Bishop to come through the War unscathed and he was the youngest and the only one in the Navy. He is now a conductor of a Green Line bus between London and Bishops Stortford.

- Of the ten Boy Bishops who served in the Armed Forces, 4 were killed, 5 severely wounded (1 permanently crippled), and only 1 unscathed.

1915



Fred King

- Enlisted in 1915 aged 26
- Married Ellen Wilson at Langley Parish Church in January 1917.
- Served with the Machine Gun Corps, Infantry
- Survived the war.



Private Walter King

- 3/2512, 1st Bn., Essex Regiment. Died 25th October 1915
- Buried in Azmak Cemetery, Suvla in Turkey.
- In 1911 he lived with his 86yr old Father and was an Agricultural Labourer.
- He was part of the 1st Bn of the Regular Army. In August 1914 they were in Mauritius. Returned to England in December 1914.



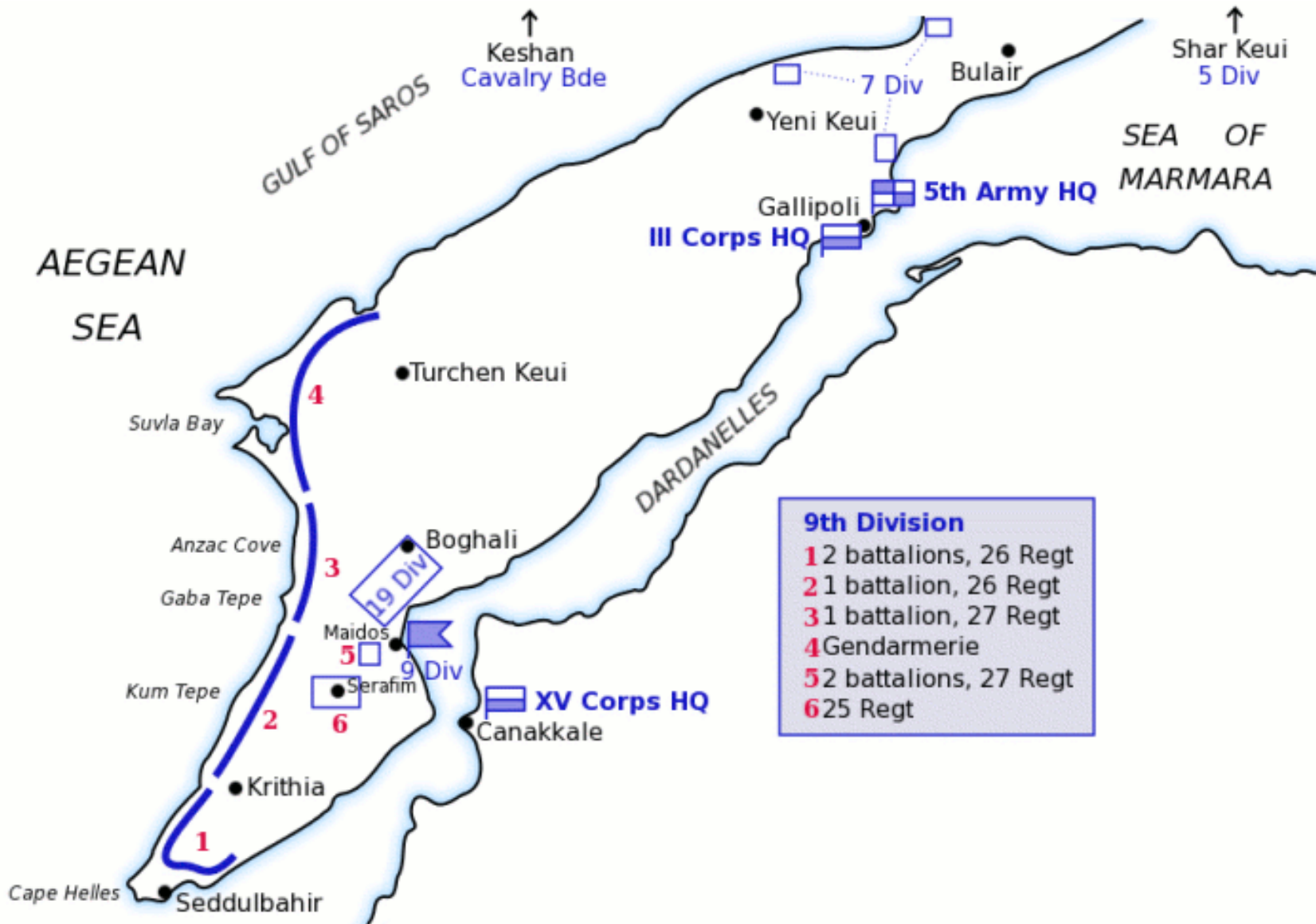
Men from the Essex Regiment



- 18th January 1915 moved to Banbury and came under orders of 88th Brigade in 29th Division.
- 21st March 1915 sailed from Avonmouth for Gallipoli going via Egypt and Mudros. Landed at Cape Helles on 25th April 1915.
- There is a memorial to the 29th Division on the A45 at Stretton on Dunsmore between Coventry and Rugby. It marks the spot where the troops



- Were inspected by George V just before the departure for Gallipoli.
- In October 1915 there were severe winter storms which caused much damage and human hardship. 213,000 British casualties at Gallipoli. 145,000 were due to sickness with the chief causes being dysentery, diarrhoea and enteric fever. There was no major battle on the day Walter King died, 25th October 1915.





HE whom this scroll commemorates
was numbered among those who,
at the call of King and Country, left all
that was dear to them, endured hardness,
faced danger, and finally passed out of
the sight of men by the path of duty
and self-sacrifice, giving up their own
lives that others might live in freedom.

Let those who come after see to it
that his name be not forgotten.

*Walter King
Essex Regiment*



1916



Walter Warman

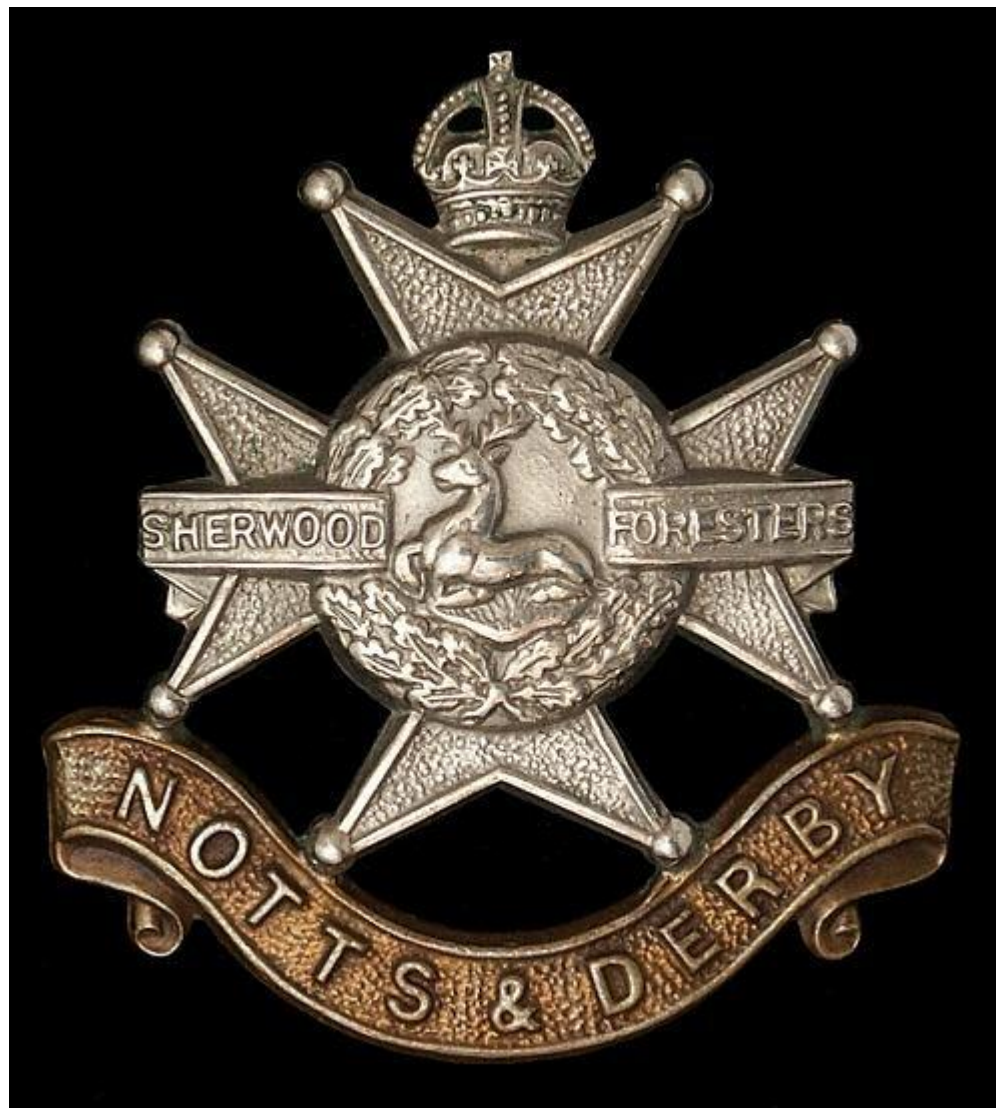
- Enlisted aged 40 in 1916 with the Royal Engineers.
- Lived at Mount Pleasant, Berden
- He had 3 daughters; Mabel, Amy and Lily.
- Survived the war.



2nd Lieutenant Harry Spencer Seabrook

- 16th Bn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) died on 12th July 1916 aged 32.
- Son of Walter and Selina Elizabeth Seabrook of Berden Priory.
- Found on Loos Memorial
- Was a Stock Clerk and single. In 1911 he lived with his Father, two sisters and two servants.

- The 16th Battalion was formed in Derby on 16th April 1915 by the Duke of Devonshire and the Derbyshire TF Association. Moved to Buxton on 4th May 1915 and then on to Redmires near Sheffield on 8th June. 2nd September 1915 moved to Hursley near Winchester and came under orders of 117th Brigade in 39th Division.



16th Battalion Notts and Derby Regiment Band



- Moved to Aldershot on 30th September 1915 but soon moved to Witley.
- 6th March 1916 Landed at Le Havre
- Harry Seabrook died during the Battle of Albert 1st-13th July 1916. Killed in Action but body never identified.
- In his will he left £1198.25.11d to Harold John Spencer Seabrook who was a Lieutenant in the Wiltshire Yeomanry

Miss C.I Cherry (Herts and Essex Observer)

- October 1916
- Mr. and Mrs. A Seabrook of Highlands Farm lent their house on a weekly basis to a local group who were supporting the Red Cross. 13 people on average helped out. 5300 articles including Pyjama suits, shirts, towels and jackets were sent to the depot in Newport between 1916 and 1919.

Private Frank Chapman

- G/17413, 6th Bn., Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
- Died 7th October 1916.
- Found on Thiepval Memorial
- In 1911 he lived in Sawpit Lane, Little London. He was a Labourer on a farm and a Thatcher. He lived with his Father and Sister.
- He enlisted in Saffron Walden and was killed in action.



- He was formerly 27524, of the Middlesex Regiment.
- 5ft 8 inches tall with a circular scar on right thigh.

- 6th (Service) Battalion was formed at Maidstone on 14th August 1914 as part of K1 and came under the command of the 37th Brigade in 12th Eastern Division. Moved initially to Colchester and on to Purfleet in September 1914 before going to billets in Hythe in December. Moved to Aldershot in February 1915. On the 1st June 1915 landed at Boulogne.

- Died during the Battle of the Somme (1st July-18th November 1916)
- Frank Chapman was involved in the Battle of Le Transloy, (1st-18th October) under General Rawlinson of Fourth Army, 12th Eastern Division.

Gunner William Turpin

- 608, No 2 Depot, Royal Garrison Artillery.
- He died on 12th December 1916. Aged 31.
- He was the son of John and Ellen Turpin and can be found in St Nicholas churchyard, Berden.
- He enlisted in Oxford and was formerly 608, 132Nd Oxf. Hvy. Bty. R.G.A.



- The Royal Garrison Artillery. Developed from fortress based artillery located on British coasts. From 1914 when the army possessed very little heavy artillery it grew into a very large component of the British forces. It was armed with heavy, large calibre guns and howitzers that were positioned some way behind the front line and had immense destructive power.

- No 2 Depot (Heavy and Siege) located at Gosport and was part of the coastal defences. It was also a training unit.
- He died at Gosport.
- Howitzer Guns



608 GUNNER
W. TURPIN
ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY
12TH DECEMBER 1916 AGE 31



1917



Private Sidney Stone

- 35117, A Coy. 13th Bn. Essex Regiment. Died on 28th April 1917 aged 21. Single.
- Son of Ammon and Mary Ann Stone (nee Bonney) of Mount Pleasant, Berden
- Found on Arras Memorial
- Enlisted in Saffron Walden
- Killed in action. Attacked Oppy village that day and lost about 300 men.
- Sidney was a Farm Labourer and was the youngest child of 7 brothers and sisters.

- He had been a groom to Mr Hawkey of Berden Hall
- Noted as missing near the small town of Oppy, Pas de Calais.
- His mother never believed he was dead and never gave up hope that he would be found.

to go back to sleep. "Why not go out and sneak up on me?"

NEW REPUBLIC.

can be a Republic if she to dollars and cents."

her sovereigns."—*Lamb.*

DISAPPOINTMENT.

having been a business tried over the intricacies of

such trouble keeping our ed to her bosom friend. I nice-looking refrigerator, to work well at all."

enough in it?" "Ice! I nk, after spending all that rator, we'd go to the adding ice!"—*Chicago News.*

FOR THE WORST.

no free dollars?"

Good-bye and good luck." hands in this formal way?" you again for a long time." *Harold.*

TRAINED ECHO.

d a Highlander were walk- top of a Scotch mountain, n, wishing to impress the produced a famous echo place. When the echo re- r nearly four minutes, the rring to the Yankee, ex- mon, ye canna show any- your own country." ther replied: "I guess we me, stranger. Why, when I an out of the window and e get up: wake up!" and rds the echo comes back *Gloucester Chronicle Telegraph.*

TEAR OF TASTE.

de boy," asked the new the difference between a at." ed Edward, whose wisdom from experience. "Lakes ter to swallow when you fall gister."

OKESMITH DODOED.

owing that joke about get- elephant. get down?" asked the joke- rth time.

in sides and slide down."

sides and get down."

mate yourself. When? He said ment?—The boy replied that he would. He said he lived at Great Amwell and would be 15 next month. He looked after two horses for Lady Proctor. On the Tuesday afternoon he was

Missing Berden Soldier's Death Reported.



Private SIDNEY STONE

(Essex Regiment).

News has been received by Mr and Mrs A. Stone, of Berden, that their youngest son, Private Sidney Stone, Essex Regiment, missing since April 24th last year, is now officially reported to have died on or about that date on the Western front. Before joining the Army the deceased soldier was employed as horsekeeper to Mr J. G. Hawkey, of Berden Hall.

driving a light cart in High-street, Ware, and stopped at Mr Chappman's, fruiterer's. When he came out he got into the cart, and

to prevent much struck by the ev been much struck by the ev as to the great help rendered have used their parish and attention to your lectures & guidance you are able to give I learn that this is important as in rural parishes owing holders being great potato g that you will find the clerk to continue this help, and furnish as to the effectiveness last year ought to be, con- minded man. Most heartily work and encourage you i communication with the s You are quite at liberty a letter, and I shall myself tal mentioning the matter to i early meeting."

Cardinal Bourne, the A minister has also written an in which he says: "We o the notice and co-operation people the efforts which an Board of Agriculture and prevention of potato disease due particulars will be pl the officials of the Board."

Farmers and Pota

The series of meetings an by the Food Production Dea to inducing farmers general their potato crops are prov Large meetings of farmers some important agricultur others lectures have broug able and keenly interested.

The Killing of Mig

The Government has take intended to enable the coo food shortage to draw upo supply that are usually cloe part of the year. This is relation to game birds an birds of less common type, informed by the Food Pro that the Board of Agricultu extending to March 31st th England and Wales a numa birds, including the curb whinnet, the golden plover godwit, the snipe, the wo widgeon, the mallard, the s the white-fronted goose, a and the grey lag goose. B time for the lawful sale, e sale, or possession of an extended to April 15th.

Women Co-op

The Women's Institute, by the Women's Branch of Department, continues to m progress. During last wea meetings were held: and were started in Sussex, s Lincolnshire, one in Hants shire, and one in Surrey. Institute has formed a co- Society and in Northford, running a propaganda (a fa) of village Rabbits Clubs.

- Read J W Burrows Essex Units in the War 1914-1919 Vol 6 The Essex Regiment (13th Bn)
- Pages 410-411
- Formed at West Ham on 27th Dec 1914 by the Mayor and Borough. Moved to Brentwood in May 1915. August 1915 moved to Clipstone camp and came under orders of 100th Brigade in 33rd Division.

- Landed at Boulogne on 17th Nov 1915.
- 22nd December was transferred to 6th Brigade in 2nd Division.
- Died during the Arras offensive (9th April-16 June 1917) Part of First Army commanded by General Horne. Battle of Arleux 28-29th April part of 2nd Division.

Private Frank Phillips

- 24798, 1st Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment.
He died on the 10th July 1917. Aged 29.
- He was the son of the late Isaac and Mary Ann Phillips.
- His name is on the Nieuport Memorial.
- He was born in Berden and in 1891 lived at Dewes Green. He enlisted at Saffron Walden. He died of his wounds.



- The 1st Bn were at Blackdown near Aldershot in August 1914. They were under the command of the 2nd Brigade in 1st Division.
- On 13th August 1914 they landed at Le Havre.
- He died during the Battle of Messines between 7th June and 11th July 1917.

Private Fred Mascall

- 55838, 14th Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He died of his wounds on 18th August 1917. Aged 28. Can be found at Dozinghem Military cemetery.
- He enlisted in Saffron Walden.
- He was formerly 28771, Essex Regiment.
- Fred lived in Audley End Village in 1911 with his wife and two children. He was unemployed at the time.



- Between 31st July-10th November 1917 the Royal Welsh were fighting in the Third Battle of Ypres under the command of the Fifth Army (General Gough). Fred Mascall fought and died at the Battle of Langemarck between 16-18th August 1917.

Miss C.I Cherry (Herts and Essex Observer)

- 21st September 1918
- L/Cp. A. Hammond, of the East Surreys, reported missing. News that he was killed 10th October 1917. He was the youngest son of the late Mr Daniel Hammond of Little London. Formerly horse keeper to Mr. J Hawkey of Berden Hall. He was aged 22 years.

Private Arthur Hammond

- 8315, 1st Bn., East Surrey Regiment. He died on 10th October 1917. Aged 22.
- He was the son of Mrs. Emma Jane Woodcock. Found on the Tyne Cot Memorial. He was killed in action.
- In 1911 he was a Farm Carman and lived at No 1 Alms Houses, Brick House End with his mother, stepfather and 3 brothers and sisters.



- The 1st Bn., were based in Dublin in August 1914. They were part of the 14th Brigade in 5th Division. They landed at Le Havre on 15th August 1914.
- On the 12th January 1916 they were transferred to 95th Brigade in same division.
- They were involved in the Battle of Poelcapelle on the 9th October 1917 (Third Ypres). Part of the Second Army under General Plumer. He died possibly due to shelling on the 10th October.

Lance Serjeant William King

- 590306, 2nd/18th Bn., London Regiment (London Irish Rifles)
Died on 9th November 1917. Aged 28.
- Found in Beersheba War Cemetery.
- He was married to Florence King of Priory Gate Cottages, Berden
- The regiment was formed in London in August 1914 and was part of the 60th Division.
- End of May 1915, Division HQ was moved to Bishops Stortford. In November 6300 Lee Enfield Rifles arrived. Sent to Salisbury Plain in January 1916.
- On the 23rd June 1916 they landed at Le Havre but in November they were moved to Salonika. On 24th-25th April, 8th-9th May 1917 were involved in the Battle of Dorian.



- On 2nd July 1917 moved to Egypt, arriving in Alexandria on the 5th July.
- Took part in the 3rd Battle of Gaza (30 October-7th November) notably in the capture of Beersheba on the 31st October and the capture of the Sheria position on the 6th November.
- William King fought and died in Palestine on the 9th November 1917

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- 29th December 1917
- Carol Singing by Gwen Turpin, Mabel Warman, Jessie Rust and Winnie Tant. Result was 10s for the War Hospital Depot
- Mabel's father was Walter Warman who joined the Royal Engineers in 1916.

1918



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- 4th May 1918
- Private Willie Brett, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W Brett, Highlands Cottages, wounded for the fifth time, also suffered shell shock and gas attack (Essex Regiment)

Corporal Harold Russell England

- 77490, Canadian Corps Military Police. Died on 31st August 1918 aged 33.
- He was the son of Captain. Russell England and Mrs Emily England. Husband of Kathleen Mary England (nee Seabrook) of Berden Priory.
- Found at Tigris Lane Cemetery, Wancourt.



Canadian War Graves Registers

- While on duty controlling traffic in Wancourt about 11am on August 31st 1918, he was instantly killed by splinters from an enemy shell, that penetrated his heart.
- Was formerly of the 48th Gordon Highlanders. Spent 3 years and 4 months on continuous active service.

Lance Corporal Walter Hammond

- L/14106, 13th Bn., Middlesex Regiment. He died on 10th October 1918. Exactly one year after his brother.
- He can be found at St. Aubert British Cemetery.
- Part of Duke of Cambridge's Own. Killed in action.
- He enlisted in Mill Hill, Middlesex, aged 18. On 5th October 1917 he married Kate Auslin at Stove Parish Church. Five days later his younger brother was killed.



- The Regiment was formed at Mill Hill in September 1914 as part of K3 and came under the command of the 73rd Brigade, 24th Division. Moved to South Downs went to billets in Hove in December 1914 and there to Shoreham in May 1915 and Pirbright in June.
- On 2nd September 1915 they landed at Boulogne.

- Part of the Third Army under General Byng. Walter Hammond died in the Battle of the Hindenburg Line. The 24th Division were part of the pursuit to the Selle (9th-12th October 1918) They has fought at the battle of Cambrai on 8th-9th October.
- Walter died on the 10th October. Killed in action.

Private Ernest Albert Knight

- 27831, 2nd Bn., Essex Regiment. He died on 28th November 1918. Aged 28.
- Son of Albert Knight and the husband of Alice Knight of the Street, Berden.
- Can be found in St Nicholas Churchyard, Berden. He was a Milk Cart Driver.



- The Regiment was formed in Chatham in August 1914. It was part of the 12th Brigade and 4th Division. Moved to Cromer, Norwich and Harrow.
- On the 28th August 1914 they landed at Le Havre.
- The 12th Brigade was attached to 36th (Ulster Division) for purposes of giving instruction between 5th November 1915 to 3rd February 1916.

- The Regiment took part in the Battle of Valenciennes between 1st-2nd November 1918 as part of the 4th Division under the First Army (General Horne) They were part of the final advance into Picardy and this was their last engagement.
- Ernest Knight died of his wounds due to gas.



27831 PRIVATE
E.A. KNIGHT
ESSEX REGIMENT
26TH NOVEMBER 1918 AGE 30



INTO JOY FROM SADNESS

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- 10th December 1918
- Burial of Private Ernest Knight just before the Guild service to select the Boy Bishop for next year.

Percy Tant

- Joined Hampshire Regiment aged 24.
- Lived in Dewes Green.
- He was a Hay Binder.
- Survived the war.



Research so far:

- 21 Men Aged 18-40 served in the War.
(Population 272)
- Survived without injury: 4
- Survived but severely injured: 5
- Died: 12

IN MEMORY OF OUR HEROES WHO GAVE
THEIR LIVES FOR US

1914-1918

WALTER KING	29	October	1915
HARRY SEABROOK	12	July	1916
FRANK CHAPMAN	07	October	1916
WILLIAM TURPIN	12	December	1916
SIDNEY STONE	28	April	1917
FRANK PHILLIPS	10	July	1917
FRED MASCALL	09	August	1917
ARTHUR HAMMOND	10	October	1917
WILLIAM KING	09	November	1917
WALTER HAMMOND	10	October	1918
EARNEST KNIGHT	23	November	1918