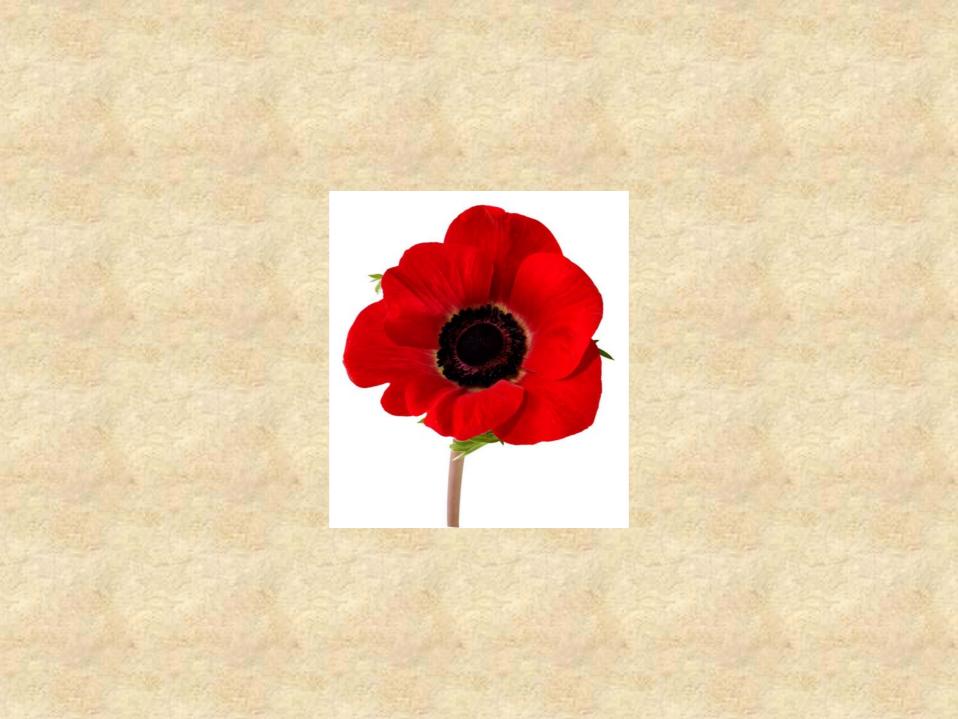
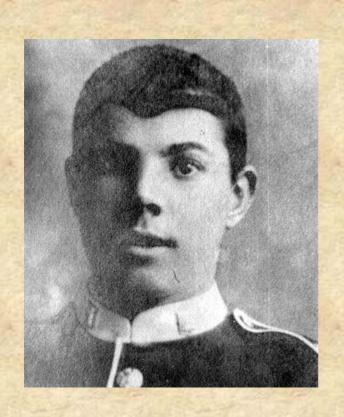
The Great War

The Roll of Honour Galleywood



First Galleywood casualty The 2nd Battle of Ypres 1915



- Joseph Prentice
 - Sergeant 7673
- 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment
- Died of wounds 29th May 1915
 - Aged 29



Joseph Prentice





Son of Charles and Sarah

Landed in France 22nd August 1914

Received a citation for bravery

Buried at Etaples, France

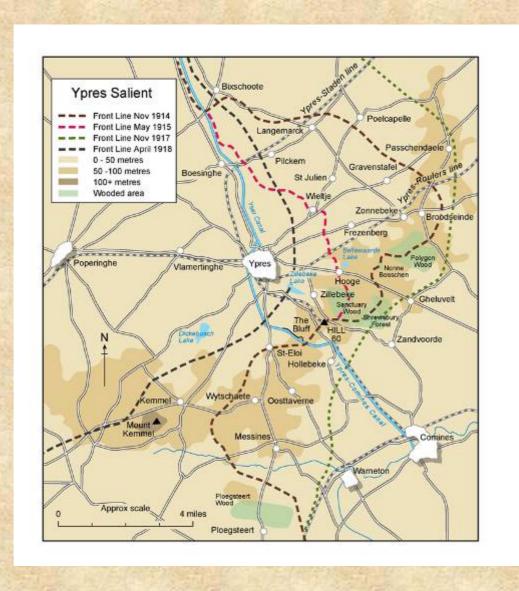
Left a wife Alice and 3 children

Ypres 1915



Ypres was reduced to rubble but never fell to the enemy.

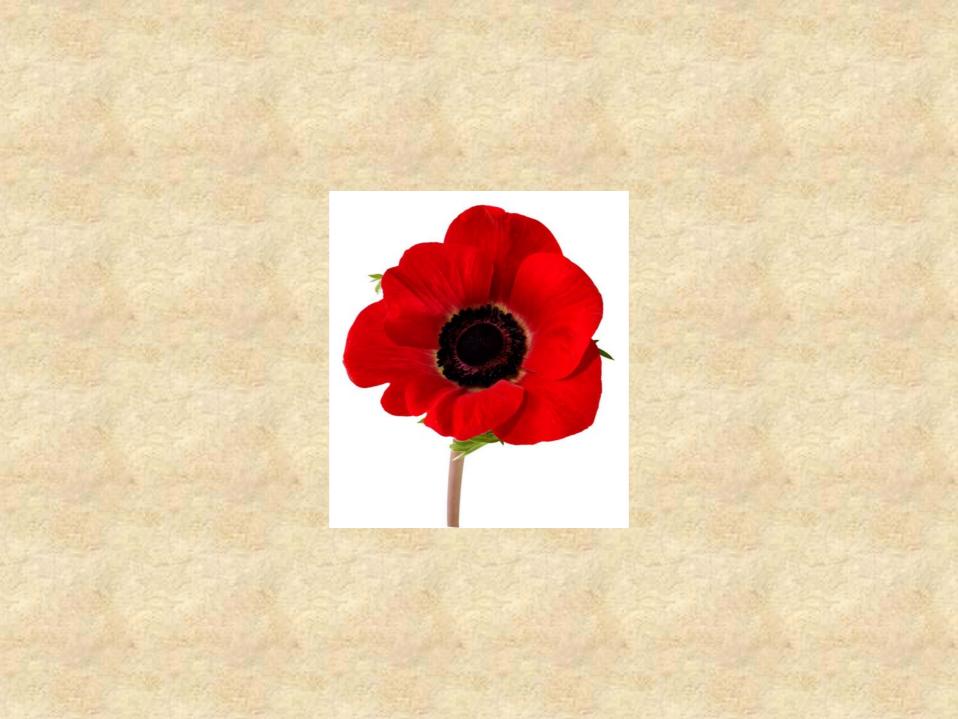
The Ypres Salient



Etaples Military Cemetery near Boulogne



Joseph had probably been moved here when he was wounded, awaiting evacuation, but he died of his wounds.



Second Galleywood casualty Gallipoli 1915

- James Daniels
 - Private 7708
- 1st Battalion Essex Regiment
- Died 29th July 1915 at Helles, Greece
 - Aged 31



James Daniels

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- Son of Arthur and Lydia
- Enlisted 1903
- Landed Mudros on Lemnos 16th April 1915
- 2nd Battle of Krithia
- Died Helles
- Buried East Mudros in Greece

Mudros 1915



W beach Cape Helles 1915



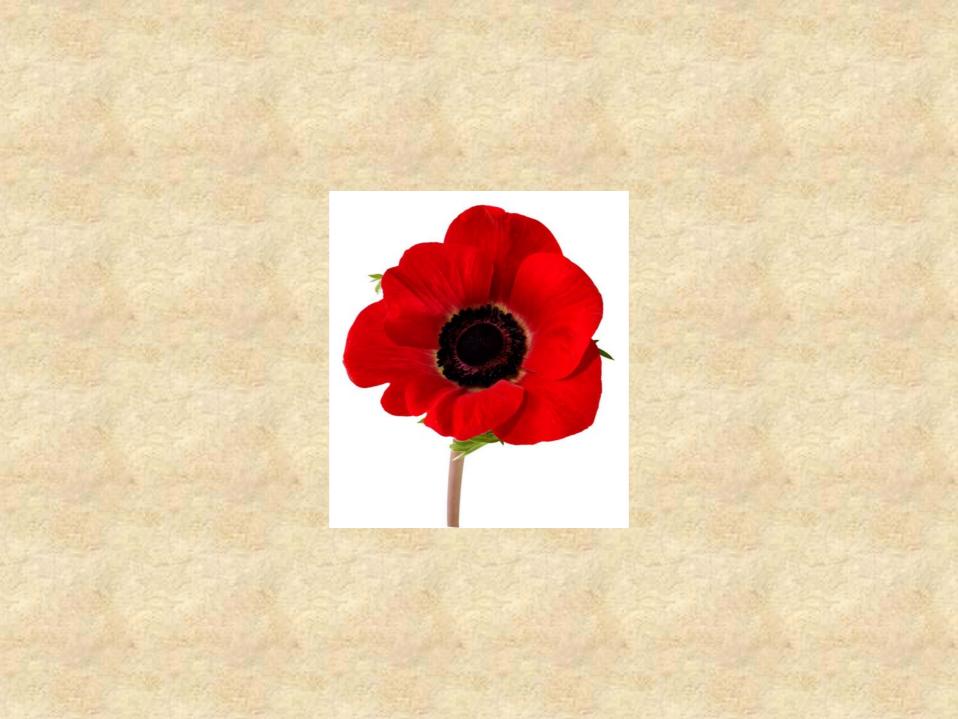
James landed on W beach on 25th April 1915. The battalion took part in the 2nd battle of Krithia.

East Mudros Cemetery

Island of Lemnos



James Daniels is buried here.



Third Galleywood casualty Battle of the Somme 1916

- Frank Joseph Taylor
 - Private 12727
- 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment
 - Killed in action 1st July 1916
 - Aged 20



Frank Joseph Taylor

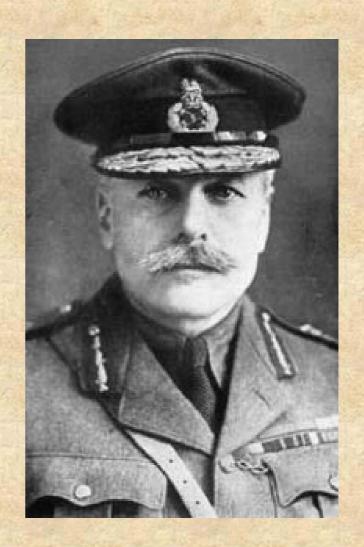
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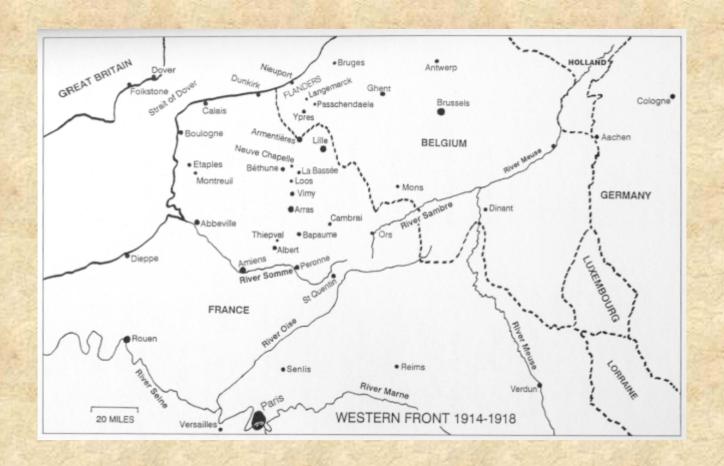
- Son of Joseph Henry and Mary Ann
- Killed in action on 1st day of the Battle of the Somme
- Commemorated at Thiepval, France

Battle of the Somme 1916

- 1st July 1916 was the first day of the battle
- 20,000 British men died on that first day
- Sir Douglas Haig was the Commander-in Chief



The Western Front



Going "over the top"



Many of the men going "over the top" were volunteers, raw recruits.

The Battle of the Somme



1st July 1916 has been described as "the bloodiest day in British army history"

The Battle of the Somme

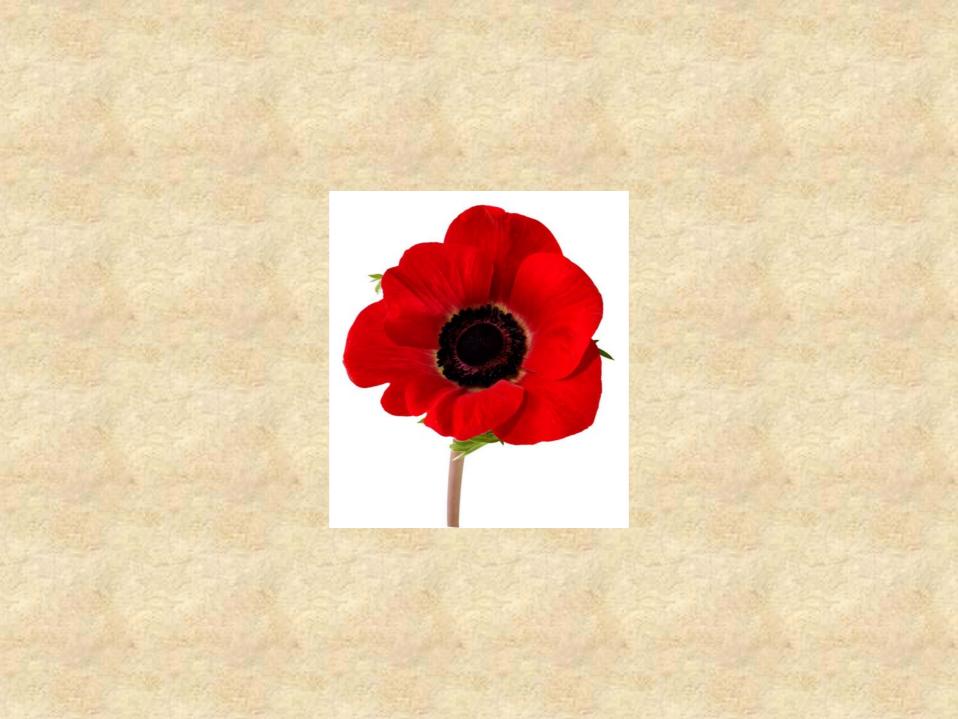


20,000 British men were killed on the first day.

Thiepval Memorial, France



This is the memorial to the missing of the Somme. It bears the names of more than 72,000 men.



Fourth Galleywood casualty Died in hospital in St Albans



Walter George Whybro

- Driver T3/028865
- Army Service Corps
- Died 4th September 1916
 - Aged 23



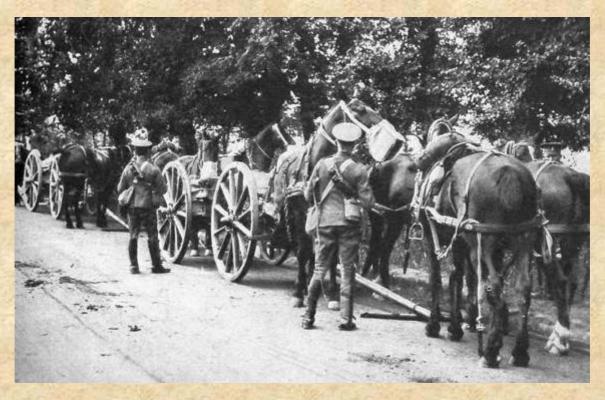
Walter George Whybro





- Son of Henry and Harriet
- Enlisted 21st
 November 1914
- Landed in France 26th March 1915
- Suffered shell-shock and toxaemia
- Buried in Stock Churchyard

Army Service Corps

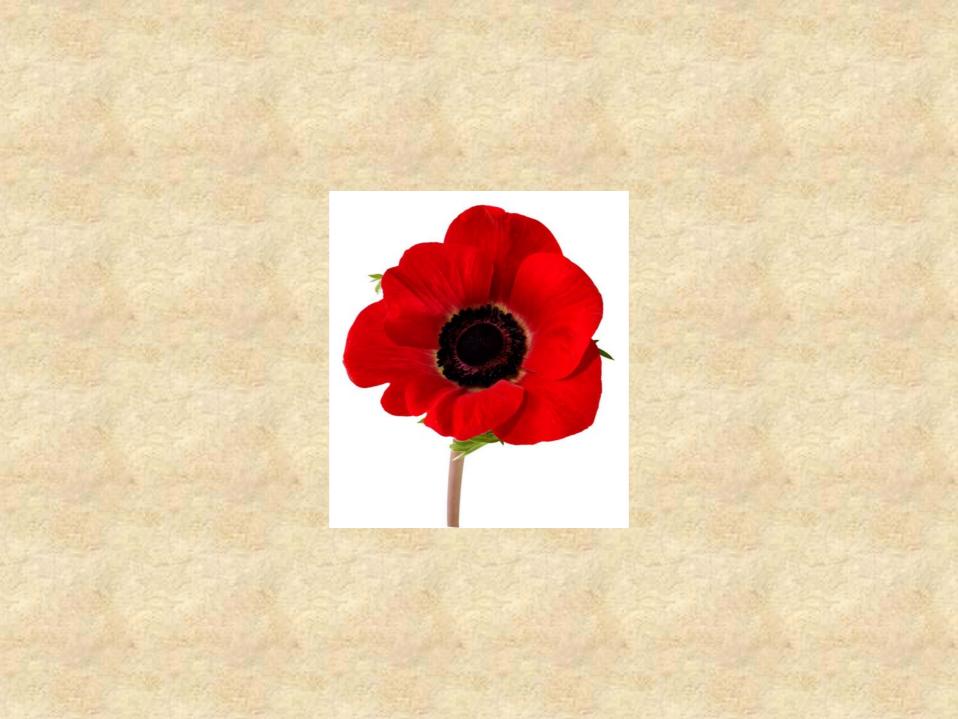


The work of the horse transport companies included carrying supplies up to and including the firing line.

Stock Churchyard

- Walter was admitted to hospital on 16th July 1916, having been trapped and buried when a trench collapsed on him.
- By the time he was dug out he was suffering from "shellshock".





Fifth Galleywood casualty Battle of Transloy on the Somme 1916



Arthur Frank Gardiner

- Rifleman 7019
- 1st/9th Battalion London Regiment
 [Queen Victoria's Rifles]
 - Killed in action 9th
 October 1916
 - Aged 24

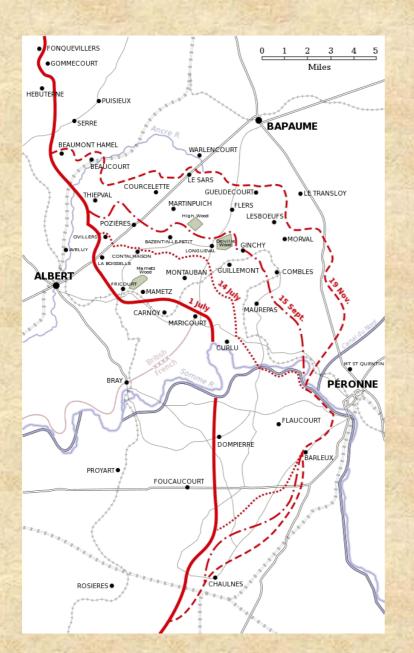


Arthur Frank Gardiner





- Son of Walter and Emily
- Cousin of Stanley Percival Gardiner who died 1917
- Commemorated at Thiepval



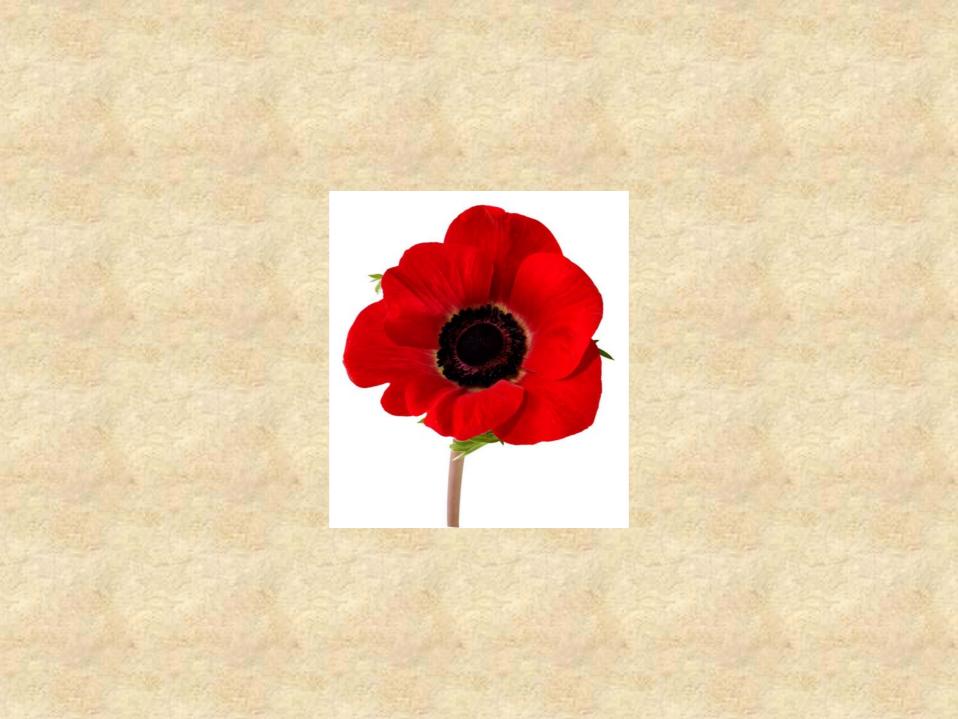
The battle region of Le Transloy on the Somme.

Hampered by terrible weather, little gain was made and casualties were heavy.

Thiepval Memorial



Memorial to the missing of the Somme. 90% of these casualties were July-November 1916



Sixth Galleywood casualty Operations on the Ancre, France 1917

- Arthur John Lodge
 - Private 29517
- 10th Battalion Essex Regiment
- Killed in action 5th March 1917
 - Aged 37



Arthur John Lodge

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- Son of William and Sarah Ann
- Enlisted Regular Army
- Survived the Somme
- Killed at Miraumont in attempt to take Irles
- Buried Queen's Cemetery, Bucquoy in France

Scene on the Ancre



The Battle of the Somme ended in November 1916 but operations continued in the valley of the Ancre River.

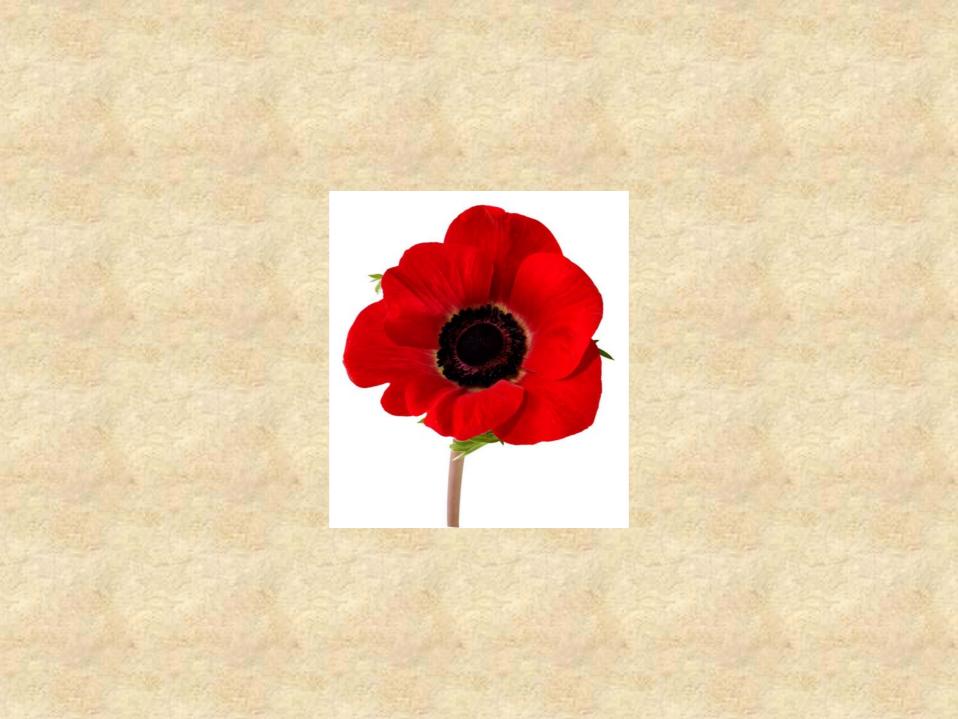
During the preparation for the assault on Irles, the 10th battalion of the Essex Regiment lost an average of 12 men per day.

One of these was Arthur John Lodge.

Queen's Cemetery, Bucquoy south of Arras in France



Arthur John Lodge is buried here.



Seventh Galleywood casualty Arras Offensive 1917



- Robert Walter Finch
 - L/Cpl 28742
 - 1st Battalion Essex Regiment
- Died of wounds 17th April 1917 at Monchy
 - Aged 32



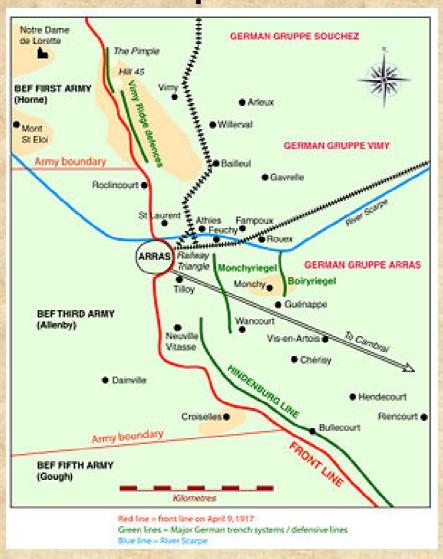
Robert Walter Finch





- Son of John and Emily
- Golf professional
- Arrived in Arras 12th April 1917
- Buried Duisans British
 Cemetery, Etrun, France
- Left a wife Jessie and 2 children

Battle of Monchy-le-Preux 14th April 1917



Monchy



The Battle of Arras was the greatest killing battle of the war.

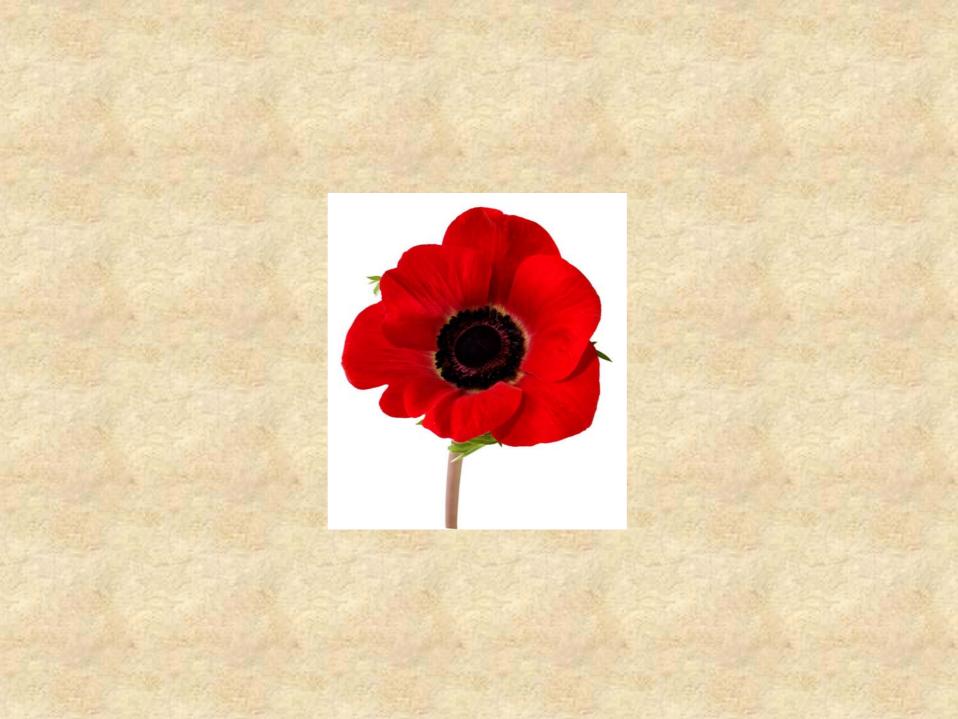
The daily casualty rate was even higher than that of the Somme.

Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun France



Robert Walter Finch is buried here.





Eighth Galleywood casualty The Loos Salient 1917

- Stanley Percival Gardiner
 - Private 32399
- 11th Battalion, Essex Regiment
- Killed in action 22nd April 1917
 - Aged 22
- 22nd April 1917 described as "an eventful day in the history of the battalion"



Stanley Percival Gardiner

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- Son of Alfred and Ellen
- Cousin of Arthur Frank Gardiner who was killed in 1916
- Commemorated on the Loos Memorial
- Also on the Epping War Memorial

Loos



Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais

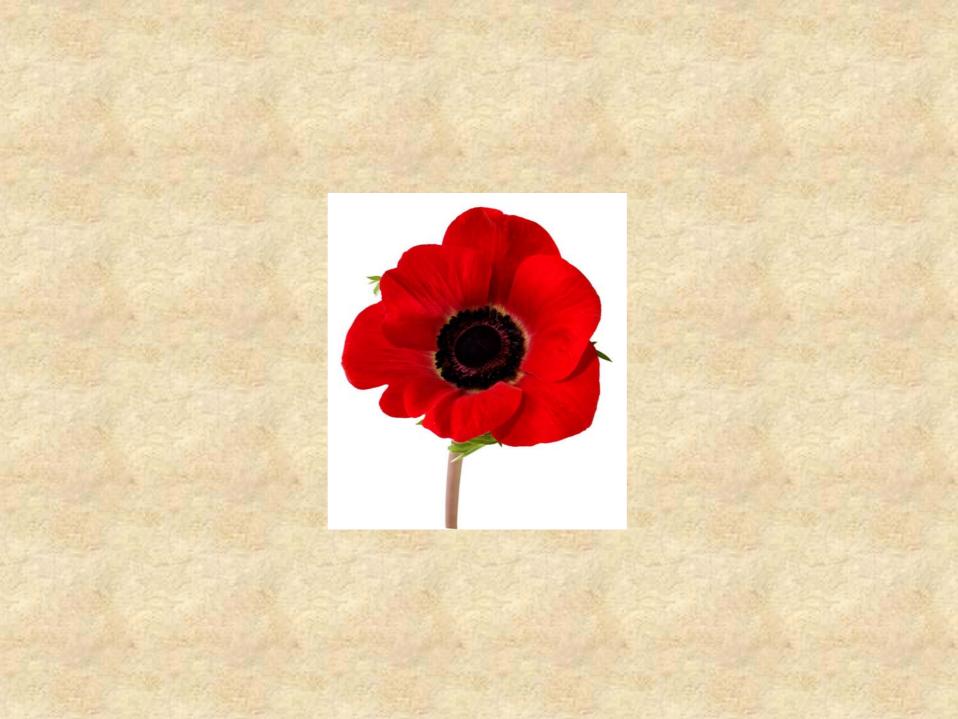


This memorial commemorates over 20,000 men who died in the Loos sector 1915-18 and who have no known graves.

Epping War Memorial



Stanley Percival Gardiner is also commemorated in Epping.



Ninth Galleywood casualty 2nd Battle of Arras 1917



Harry Lemon

Private 26407

9th Battalion Norfolk Regiment

Killed in action 1st May 1917

Aged 20



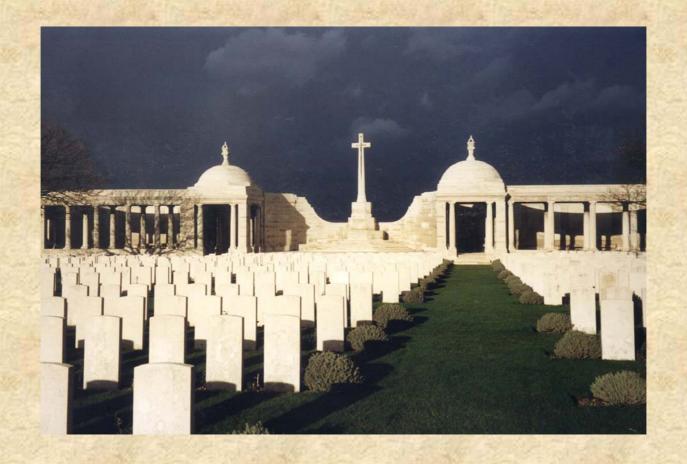
Harry Lemon



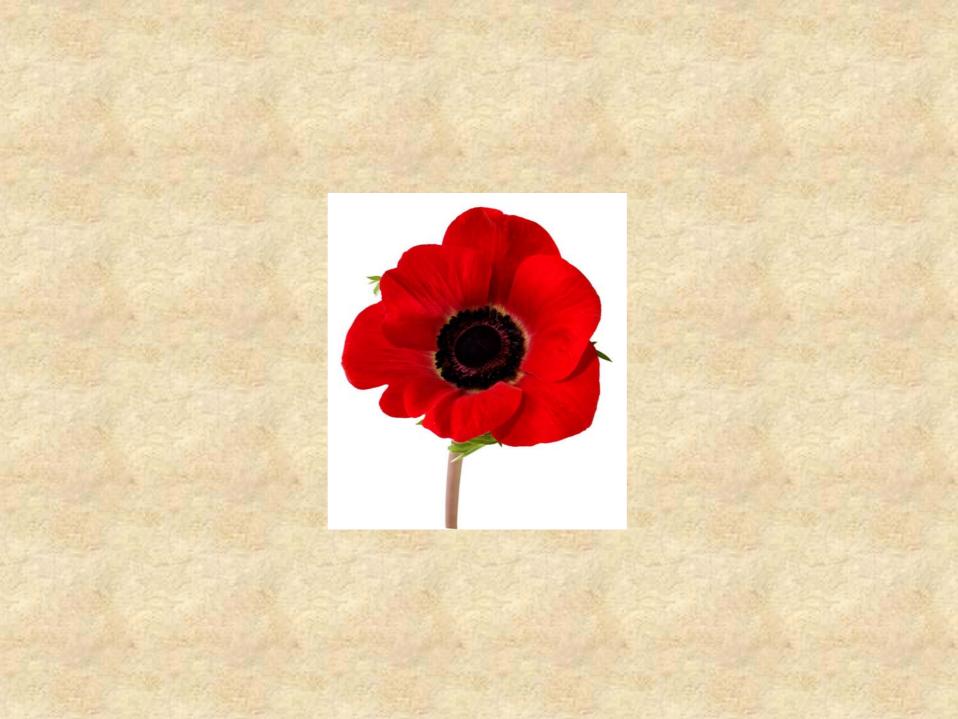


- Son of Alfred and Alice
- Cousin of Thomas
 Lemon who survived
 the war and received
 the Military medal.
- Commemorated on the Loos Memorial

Loos memorial, Pas de Calais



Every regiment of the British Army is represented here.



Tenth Galleywood casualty Arras Offensive 1917



- Willie Sewell
- Private 40756
- 2nd Battalion South Wales Borderers
- Killed in action 19th
 May 1917 at Monchy
 - Aged 24



Willie Sewell





Son of Arthur Peter and Elizabeth Maria

Originally 33190 in Essex Regiment

Brother Arthur Gilbert was with him and survived

Commemorated on the Arras
Memorial and in St
Michael's churchyard on his
parents' headstone

A dressing station at Monchy le Preux

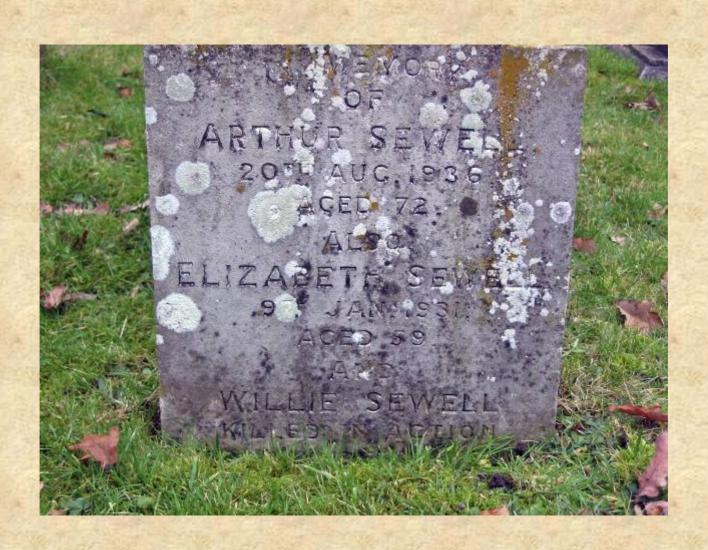


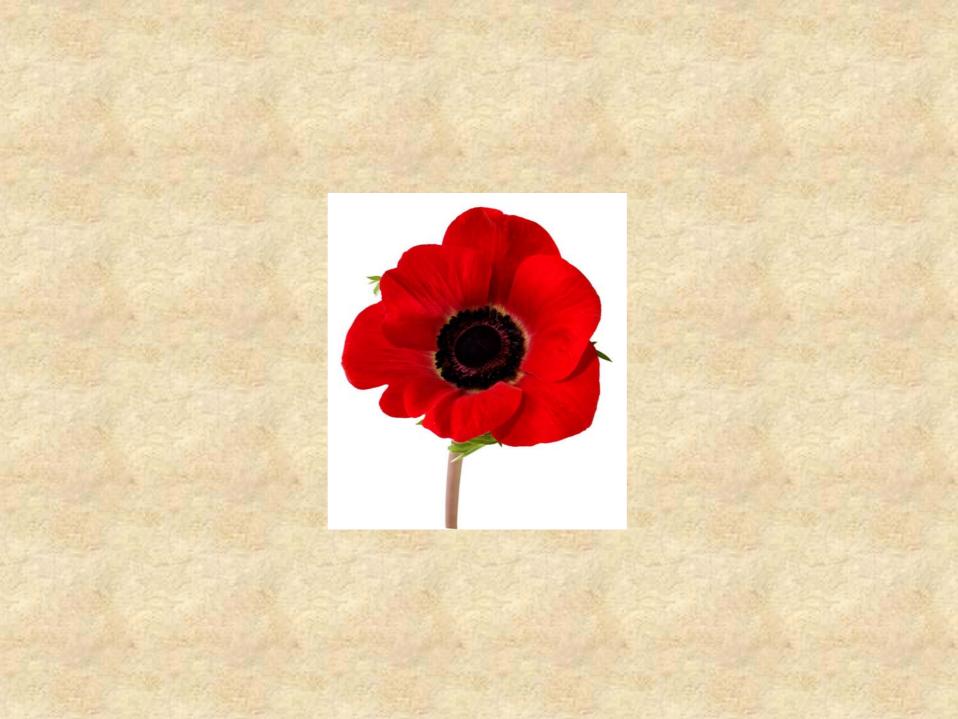
Arras Memorial



Over 35,000 men who died in the Arras sector and who have no known grave are commemorated here.

St Michael's churchyard





Eleventh Galleywood casualty

Passchendaele 1917, the 3rd Battle of Ypres



Robert Emmet McCarthy

- Private 52842
- 12th Battalion Royal Fusiliers
- Killed in action 31st July 1917
 - Aged 31



Robert Emmet McCarthy





- Son of Michael and Hope
- He was killed on the 1st day of the Battle
- Commemorated on the Menin Gate
- Left a wife Phyllis nee Stevens and 5 children

"The Campaign in the Mud"



Ypres



Ypres was reduced to rubble but never taken.

Menin Gate, Ypres





More than 55,000 men with no known grave are commemorated here, those who died in the Ypres Salient.

The Last Post is sounded here every night at 8pm.

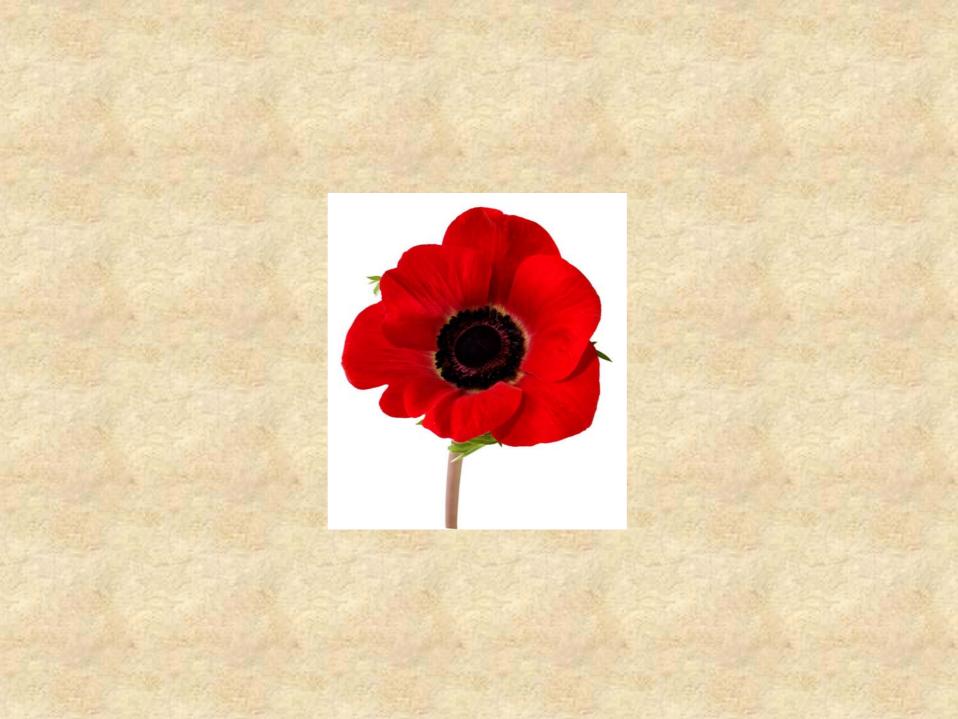
Ypres today



Ypres has been restored to its former glory.

Rebuilding was completed in 1962.

The famous "Cloth Hall" shown here houses the museum "In Flanders Fields".



Twelfth Galleywood casualty Spring Offensive 1918



- Samuel Charles Parish
 - Private 55631
 - 1st/6th Battalion Welch Regiment
 - Killed in action
 - 18th April 1918
 - Aged 21



Samuel Charles Parish



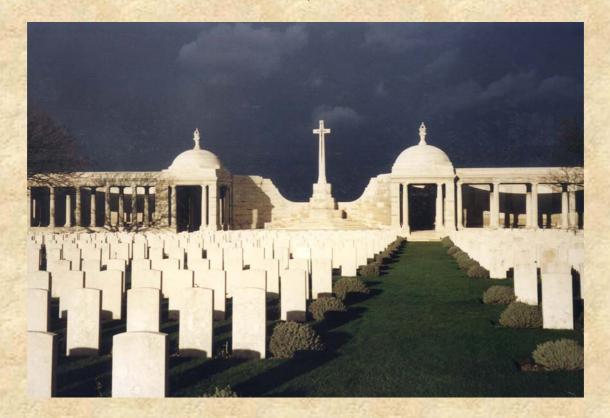


- Son of James and Mary Ann
- Enlisted in Norfolk Regiment initially
- Possibly died at Bethune
- Commemorated on Loos Memorial
- Also on West Hanningfield Memorial

The Spring Offensive

- 20th March 1918 saw the beginning of the end of trench warfare
- USA had entered the war and Germany knew the old war of attrition was over
- "Surprise" and "deep infiltration" was now the last desperate offensive of Germany
- It was the beginning of the end
- Samuel Charles Parish died during this phase of the war

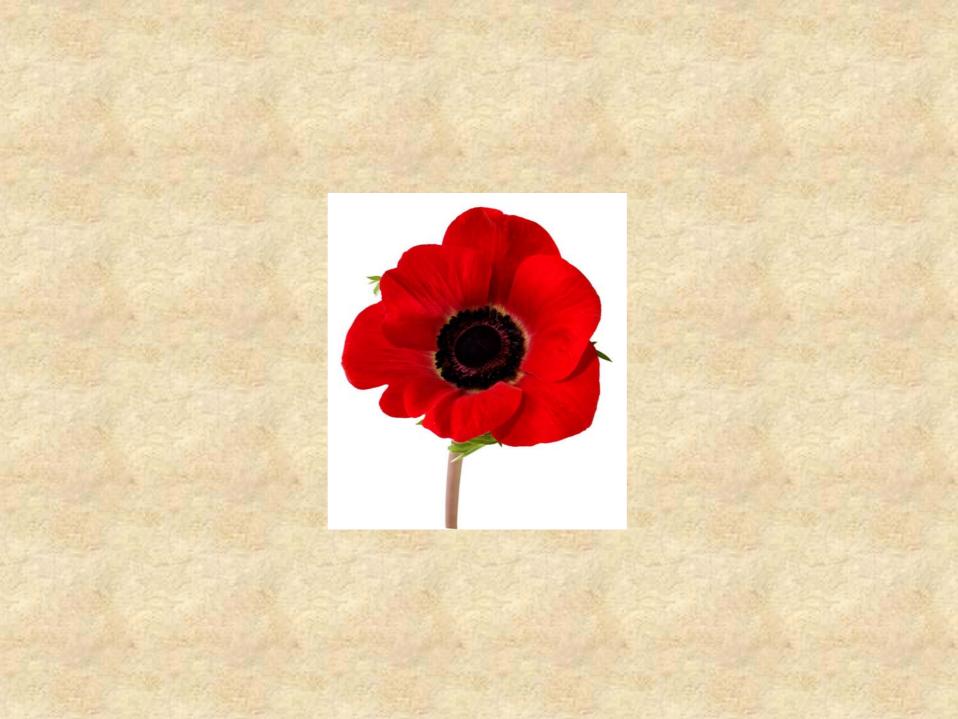
Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais



This memorial commemorates those with no known grave who died at Loos in 1915 and also on the Lys and at Bethune in April 1918. One of the 20,000 casualties here is John Kipling.

West Hanningfield Memorial





Thirteenth Galleywood casualty Megiddo 1918



- Frank Leonard Brazier
 - Private 29505
 - 1st/5th Battalion Essex Regiment
 - Killed in action
 - 19th September 1918
 - Aged 22



Frank Leonard Brazier





- Son of Ernest and Florence Martha
- Served in Gallipoli and France
- Finally served in Egypt at Megiddo
- Buried in Ramleh War Cemetery in Israel

Battle of Megiddo

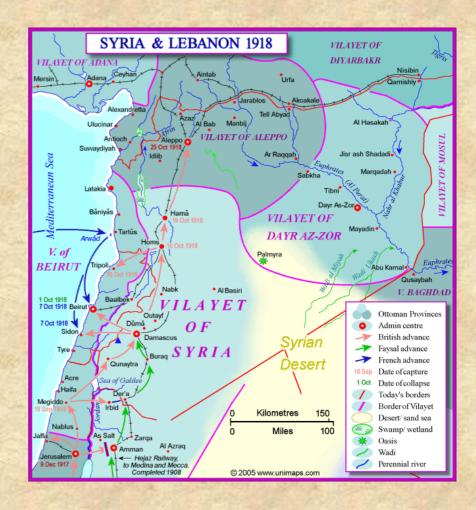
 This was the culminating victory of General Allenby's conquest of Palestine

The battle took place 19th-21st September 1918 with few casualties

Frank Leonard Brazier was one of only 9 men from the regiment lost at Megiddo Megiddo is the biblical site of Armageddon

Megiddo

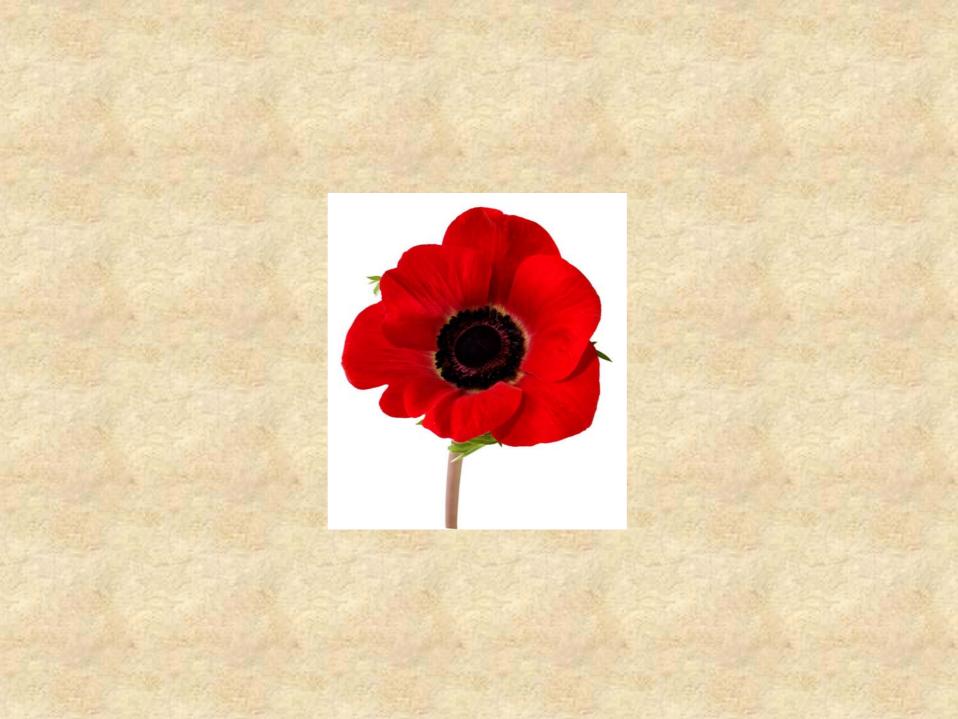




Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel



Field ambulances and casualty clearing stations were posted to Ramleh [now Ramla] from December 1917. The cemetery was begun by medical units.



Fourteenth Galleywood casualty "The last 100 days"



- Frederick William Knight
 - Private 117341
 - Lord Strathcona's Horse Regiment
 - Killed in action
 - 10th October 1918
 - Aged 24



Frederick William Knight





- Son of George Simon and Alice Eliza of "Moretons"
- Born in High Easter
- Enlisted in Canada
- Died on the Cambrai-Douai Road near Montigny during a withdrawal
- Buried Montay Neuvilly Road cemetery, France

"The last 100 days"

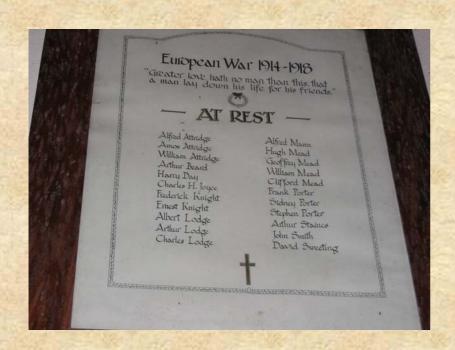
- After the "Spring Offensive" of 1918, which was the last desperate attempt by Germany to win the war, the final stage of the war began.
- Allied reinforcements with the arrival of unlimited American troops meant that the war of attrition was over for Germany and they knew it
- August 8th 1918 was recorded as the "black day of the German army"
- But of course men on both sides still died, including Frederick William Knight

Montay Neuvilly Road Cemetery

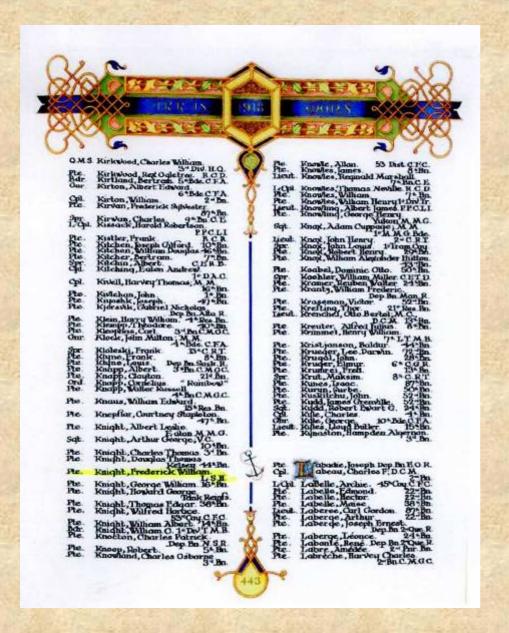


Frederick William Knight is buried here.

Frederick is also commemorated in High Easter Church and on his parents' grave at St Michaels'



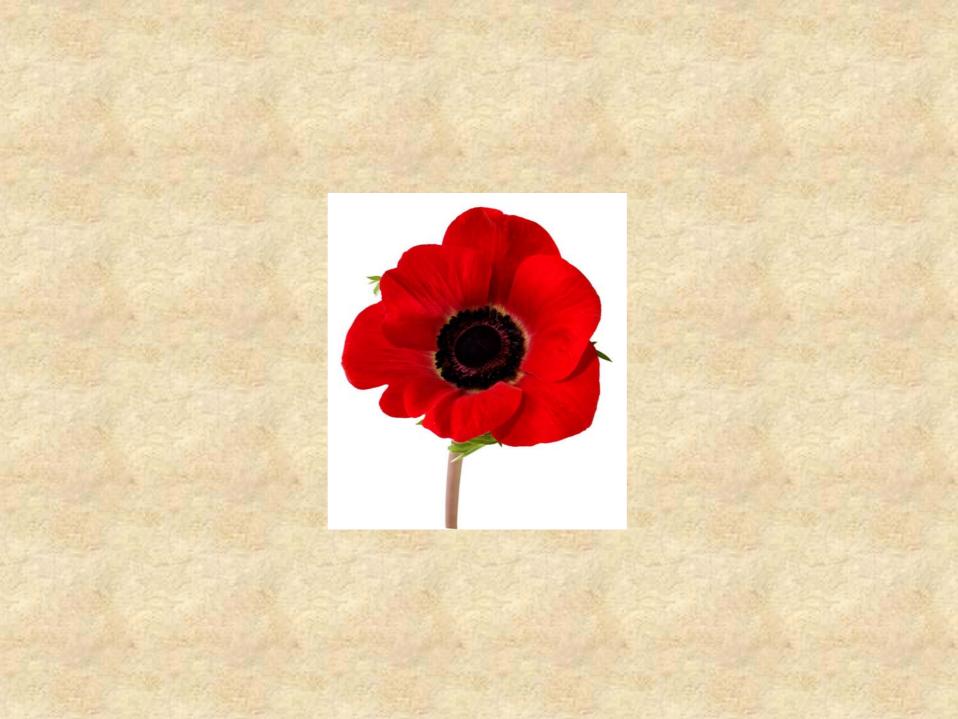




Frederick's name appears on the Canadian Virtual War Memorial.

It must be assumed that he had emigrated to Canada before the war.

But his parents were in Galleywood.



Fifteenth Galleywood casualty "The last 100 days"



- Frederick George Lodge
 - Private 132030
- 104th Machine Gun Corps
 - Died of wounds in the 110th Field Ambulance on 14th October 1918
 - Aged 19

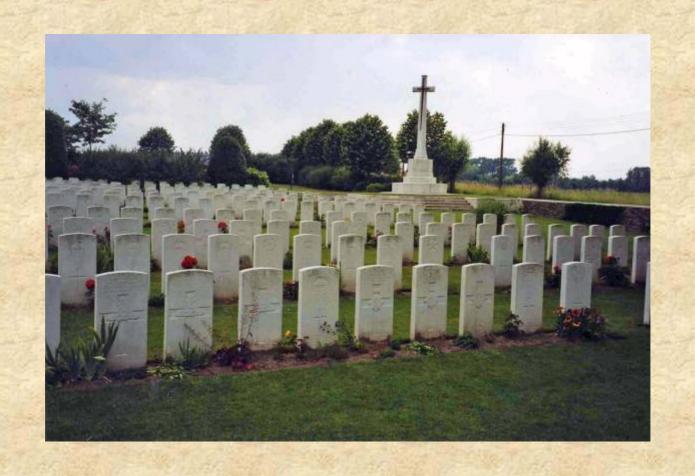


Frederick George Lodge





- Son of Thomas Alfred and Edith Nellie
- Enlisted in "The Buffs" aged
 16 but was sent home
- Re-enlisted at 18 in the Wiltshire Regiment before being transferred to the M.G.C.
- Buried in Dadizeele New British Cemetery in Belgium



Dadizeele New British Cemetery near Ypres

Frederick was originally buried in a small local grave but in 1920 his body was exhumed and moved to the New British Cemetery at Dadizeele

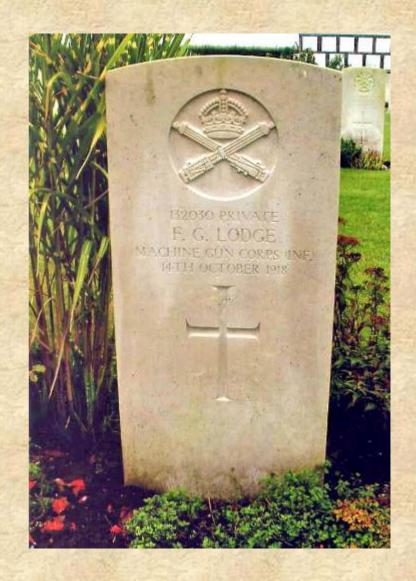
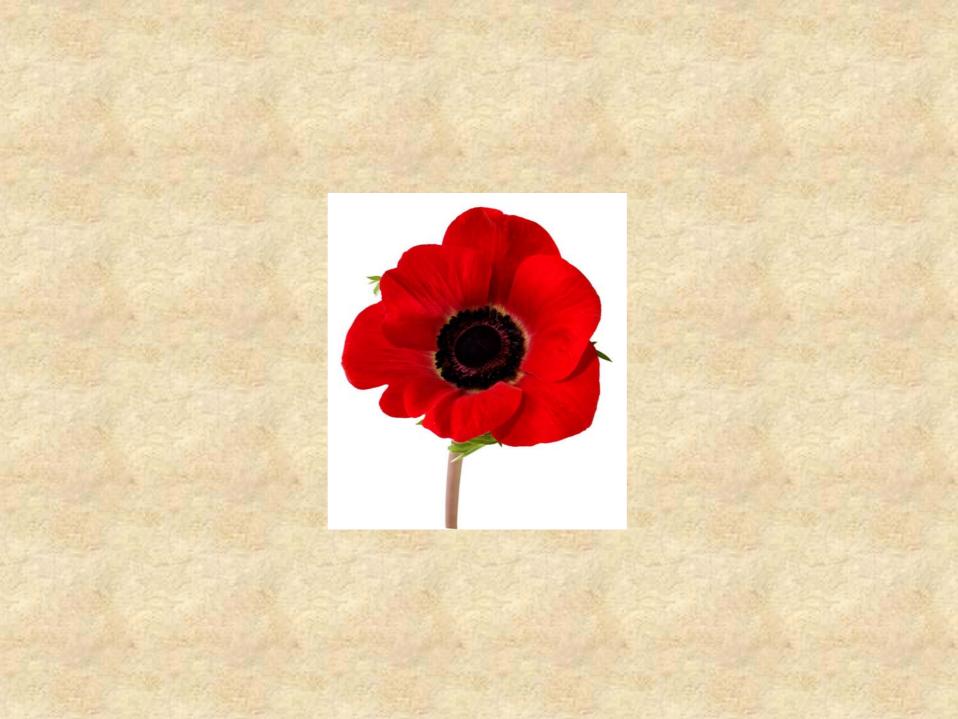


Photo courtesy of the Western Front Association



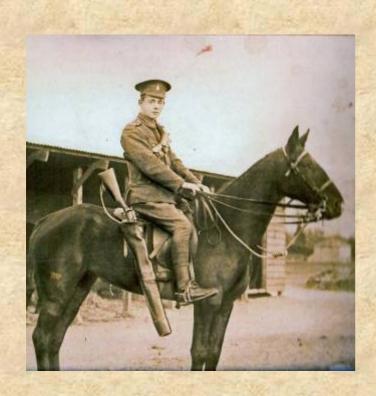
Sixteenth Galleywood casualty After the armistice



- Ernest Knight
- Trooper 80619
- Essex Yeomanry
 - Died of wounds
- 27th November 1918
 - Aged 22

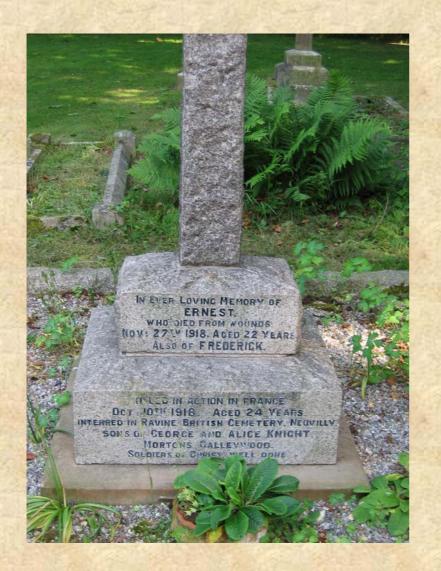


Ernest Knight





- Son of George Simon and Alice Eliza of "Moretons"
- Severely wounded on 11th April 1917 at Monchy-le-Preux in the Arras Offensive
- Discharged from the army while still in hospital in July 1918
- Buried in St Michael's churchyard



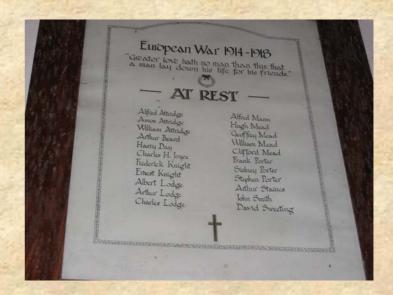
Ernest Knight is buried with his parents.

His brother Frederick William is also commemorated on the stone

Ernest survived in hospital from April 1917 until November 1918, never recovering from his fractured skull.

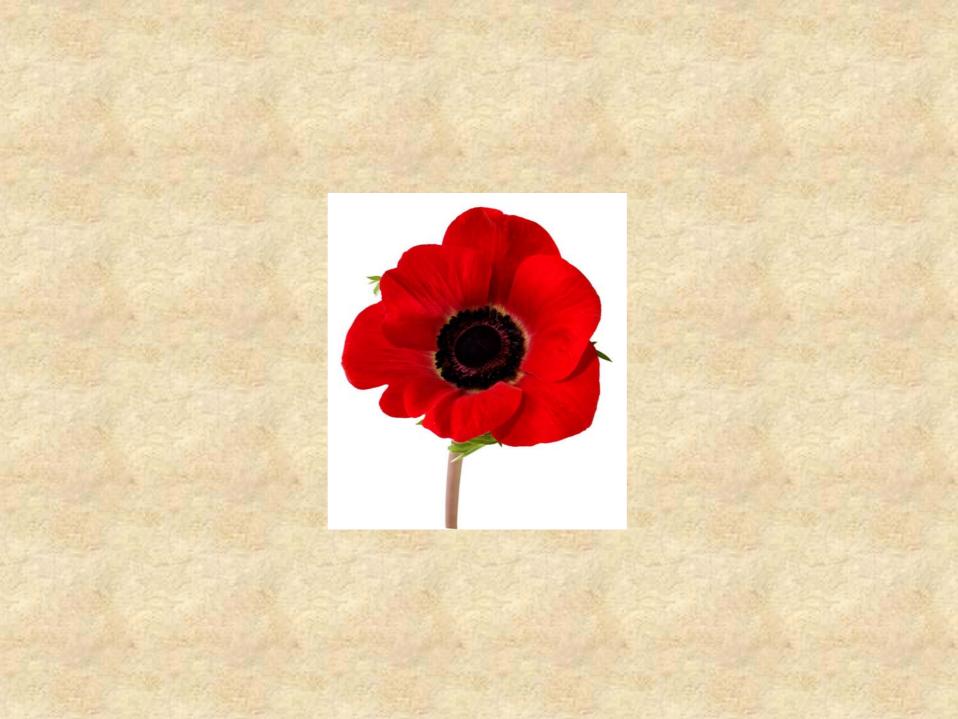
He finally died 16 days after the armistice and 6 weeks after his brother was killed.

Ernest is also commemorated at High Easter



And in Chelmsford Cathedral





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