ALL SAINTS THEYDON GARNON ESSEX THE NAMES ON THE MEMORIAL BOARDS FROM THE TWO WORLD WARS

First World War

Adam Dickson Bell,

Major, 4th (Queens Own) Hussars, killed on Monday 8th April 1918, aged 38.

Son of Christopher Bell, of Roundstonefoot, Moffat, Dumfriesshire; husband of Katherine M E Bell (the eldest daughter of William Swaine Chisenhale-Marsh) of Gaynes Park.

Mentioned on a memorial brass in the nave of Theydon Garnon Church.

Buried at Blargies Communal Cemetery, Abancourt, France.

Atherton Harold Chisenhale-Marsh

Captain, 9th (Queens Royal) Lancers, attached to 34th Division, General Staff

killed on Saturday 28th September 1918 whilst traveling on Wytschoete Ridge near Ypres when a shell fell beside the road.

Son of William Swaine Chisenhale-Marsh, of Gaynes Park.

Buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium.

Mentioned on a memorial brass in the nave of Theydon Garnon Church.

Philip Everard Graham Marsh

Captain, 7th Training Depot Station, Royal Air Force,

died on Friday 20th December 1918 in a mid-air collision during fighter practice, flying an Avro BE2E 5822, two seat home defence aircraft. He was in the Border Regiment and transferred to the Royal Flying Corps as a pilot. The RFC became the RAF on April 1st 1918.

Buried at St. Mary Magdelene Church, Weathersfield, Essex.

James Craig

Lieutenant,53rd Sqdn., Royal Air Force, killed in France on Thursday 11th April 1918, aged 29. He was flying a Royal Aircraft Factory RE8 two seat reconnaissance aircraft which caught fire in the air. His observer survived.

Husband of Emma Craig of "Foxwood," Intake, Sheffield, Yorkshire. Buried at Meteren Military Cemetery, Nord, France.

Harold Clement Montague Lucas

Lieutenant, 2nd (King Edward's Own) Gurkha Rifles, aka The Sirmoor Rifles. Killed in action at Neuve Chapelle, Pas de Calais, France on Monday 2nd November 1914, aged 38.

Son of the late Lt.G L.H.F.E and Mrs. K.A. Lucas; Husband of D.M. Lucas of Gaynes Park. Son-in-law of William Swaine Chisenhale-Marsh.

No known grave, named on the Indian Memorial at Neuve Chapelle, Pas de Calais, France and a stained glass window in Theydon Garnon Church.

Walter Austin Rowley

2nd Lieutenant, Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action at Flanders, Belgium on Monday 16th July 1917.

No known grave, named on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

St. George Swaine Showers

Lieutenant, 2nd Bn. Essex Regiment,

killed in action on Thursday 9th August 1917, aged 20. Son of Mrs. M A and the late St. George A Showers Grandson of Lt General Showers. Cousin of Atherton Harold Chisenhale-Marsh.

Wounded on 1st July 1916, returned to duty in December, killed in action on 9th August 1917 in a raid near Arras.

Buried at Monchy le Preux, France.

No known grave. Named on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France and a stained glass window in Theydon Garnon Church

Reverend Arthur Henry Marsh

Killed 7th October 1918.

He was an Episcopalian priest who came from Nebraska and served as a US Army Chaplain with the 18th Infantry, 1st Division from 15th July 1918 until his death.

The last big German offensive had petered out and the Allies had a chance to finish the war. On 25th September the US First Army attacked with 600,000 men to cut a vital rail line near Sedan. The Argonne Forest fell on 7th October and on that day Arthur Marsh was killed.

He was a distant relative of the Chisenhale-Marsh family.

Buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnesous-Montfaucon, France.

Edward Downham

Sergeant, 2nd Bn. Kings Royal Rifle Corps, died in France on Saturday 25th September 1915.

No known grave.

Alfred Betts

Seaman, HM Trawler " Specton ", based at Lowestoft, Royal Naval Reserve, died on Friday 31st December 1915, aged 17

Son of Mrs. R Betts of 3 Allnutts Estate, Epping.

The Germans had laid mines off all our East coast ports so the East coast patrol flotillas, with 500 armed trawlers, were created.

Alfred Betts drowned on a bitter New Year's Eve when his ship hit a mine.

No known grave.

Named on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent.

Charles Edward Barford

Private, 9th Bn. Essex Regiment, killed in France on Sunday 8th July 1917, aged 21.

Son of Harry and Edith Barford of Home Farm Cottages, Chigwell.

No known grave

William Burton

Private, 17th Bn. Middlesex Regiment, died on Saturday 28th April 1917.

No known grave.

John North Davis

Rifleman, 9th Bn. London Regiment, Queen Victoria's Rifles, then the Civil Service Rifles.

Born in Epping 1899, served in General Rawlinson's 4th Army advance of 8th August 1918. Killed in action at Moislains on Sunday 1st September 1918, aged 19.

Son of Alfred B and Ethel Davis of 1, Bower Hill, Epping

Buried at Peronne Communal Cemetery, Somme, France.

Thomas Edgar

Private, 1st Bn. Essex Regiment, died of wounds in Flanders, Belgium on Friday 30th November 1917, aged 23.

Son of Thomas and Harriet Edgar of Mount Rd. Theydon Garnon.

Buried at Cambrai, France.

Jesse Freshwater

Private, 1st Bn. Essex Regiment.

Born at Coopersale, enlisted in Epping, wounded early 1915, killed in action at Gallipoli, Turkey on Friday 6th August 1915.

Buried at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.

Percy Freshwater

Private, 1st Bn. Essex Regiment, killed in action, in Flanders on Saturday 1st December 1917, aged 19.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J F Freshwater of Stewards Green, Epping.

No known grave.

Edward Alfred Furlong

Rifleman, 4th Bn. Kings Royal Rifles, killed in action fighting the Bulgarians in Salonica on Wednesday 1st December 1915, aged 37.

Born in Epping, husband of Gertrude Esther Furlong of Fiddler's Hamlet, Theydon Garnon.

Buried at Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece.

James Hardy

Gunner, Driver with The Royal Field Artillery. Born and enlisted in Epping, killed in action, on Sunday 14th October 1917.

Buried at Baghdad War Cemetery, Iraq.

Ernest Law

Private, 10th Bn. York and Lancaster Regiment. Born in Coopersale, enlisted at Epping. Killed in action, in Flanders, Belgium during The Battle of the Somme on Monday 3rd July 1916, aged 19.

Son of Mrs Mary Ann Law of 2, New Cottages, Ivy Chimneys, Epping.

Named on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Alfred James Love

Rifleman, 9th Bn. Rifle Brigade. Born in Epping.

Died of wounds, in the UK on Thursday 28th February 1918. Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey.

Ernest Albert Love

Private, 1st Bn. Essex Regiment. Killed at Gallipoli, Turkey on Friday 6th August 1915, aged 20.

Son of William Love of 2, Bridge Hill, Ivy Chimneys, Epping.

Buried at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey.

Ernest Ratcliffe

Private, 1st Bn. Essex Regiment Killed in action, in France, on Saturday 2nd September 1916 aged 18.

Son of George and Mary Ratcliffe of 3, Ivy Chimneys, Epping.

Buried at Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, Leper, Belgium.

Albert Edward Shoat

Private, Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment. Killed in action, in France, on Saturday 24th August 1918, aged 19.

Son of George William Shoat of Epping, husband of Edith Shoat of Faversham, Kent.

Buried at Meaulte Military Cemetery, Somme, France.

William James Stevens

Private, 4th Bn. Royal Fusiliers

Killed in action, in France on Monday 26th October 1914.

Brother of Fred Stevens, William was the first person on the Church Memorial board to be killed in action. He was buried but the grave was destroyed in subsequent actions and his body was never found.

Named on the Le Touret Memorial near Bethune, France.

Walter Stubbings

Private, 648 MT Company, Royal Army Service Corps.

Died on Sunday 1st December 1918. Served under General Smuts in the campaign to liberate German East Africa (now Tanzania). German resistance continued throughout the war and they surrendered on 25th November 1918, a fortnight after the war in Europe was over.

Stubbings died a week later.

Buried at U Panga Street Cemetery, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

Samuel Arthur Wade

Private, 13th Bn. Essex Regiment.

Born in Theydon Garnon. Died of wounds in France on Friday 4th May 1917, aged 41. Son of Mary Ann Wade of Theydon Garnon and the late William Wade.

Buried at Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Sidney George Wade

Gunner, 380th Bn. Royal Field Artillery. Killed in action, in Belgium on Wednesday 28th November 1917, aged 20. Son of Mary Ann Wade of Theydon Garnon.

Buried at Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, Belgium.

Second World War

James Albert George Gladwin.

Lance Corporal. Killed in action on Thursday 7th December 1944 aged 22.

He was in the 4/5th Bn. Essex Regiment TA at Hemnall Street, Epping, was called up in 1939 and served with the 8th Army in the North African Desert Campaign.

His Regiment was decimated and he was posted to the 6th Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment.

By December 1944 the 8th Army had crossed the Gothic Line on the River Senio in North West Italy.

James was killed there by a mortar bomb.

Buried in the Faenza War Cemetery, Italy.

Harry Norman James.

Lance Corporal. 1st Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment. Died of his wounds on Tuesday 27th November 1945 aged 21 (after the war).

Son of Herbert Charles and Margaret Grace James of Kimberworth, Rotherham, Yorkshire.

Buried in the War Cemetery at Batavia, Dutch East Indies (now Djakarta, Indonesia).

David Kemsley.

Lieutenant, HMS Algerine, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Lived in Martins Farm, Coopersale Lane, Epping.

Served on HMS Algerine, a 940 Tonne Minesweeper. Algerine was escorting a convoy to Operation Torch, the invasion of Algeria under General Eisenhower. The ship was torpedoed by an Italian submarine on Sunday 15th November 1942 and 84 of the crew, including David Kemsley, then aged 22, were drowned.

Named on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

He was the husband of Sybil Mary Kemsley of Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

Reginald Henry Lemon.

Flying Officer, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Son of the Headmaster of the old Theydon Garnon School in Coopersale Lane.

Served in the Artists Rifles and the Royal Flying Corps in WW1.

Re-enlisted in 1939 and became adjutant at RAF Porthcawl. He died over the Bristol Channel in a flying accident training an inexperienced pilot in a Henley aircraft on Sunday 11th February 1940.

He is buried in Theydon Garnon Churchyard.

John Bernard McCormack.

Pilot Officer, Air Gunner with 102 Sqdn Bomber Command,

He flew from RAF Pocklington in Halifax bomber W7752 on a bombing raid to Dusseldorf on Thursday 10th September 1942.

The aircraft was attacked on the return flight and ditched in the North Sea. Some crew members were saved but McCormack drowned, aged 23.

Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial.

Son of Daniel and Margaret McCormack of Brosna, Co.Kerry, Ireland.

Husband of Audrey McCormack.

Edward Ernest Warren.

Private, 5th Bn. Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. Died on Friday 16th August 1940, aged 20.

Son of John and Ethel May Warren of Theydon Bois.

First World War victims buried in Theydon Garnon Churchyard but not mentioned on the board:

Frank Henry Turner 2nd Duke of York's Light Infantry, died of wounds on 20th February 1919.

James Lambert, Rifleman, died on 6th December 1917 and is named on the Tincourt Memorial in France.