

# Cobham



Whilst he was not numbered amongst the war casualties of Cobham, Kent where he was born on 9 June 1862, in view of his important contribution to commemorate the fallen of the British Empire, it would be very remiss not to make at least brief mention of Sir Herbert Baker. Having trained as an Architect in London, a lot of his early work was in South Africa after meeting with Cecil Rhodes, who commissioned Herbert to remodel his home, Groote Schuur. The result being the magnificent and one of the best known buildings in South Africa, which is now home to the President of South Africa. It was somewhat apt that having been one of the

most prolific Architects of the Great War cemeteries and memorials, that it was Herbert Baker who designed Delville Wood Cemetery at Longueval on the Somme, France, where many South Africans are at rest. Opposite the cemetery, and originally intended as a memorial to the South African servicemen who served and died in all theatres during the Great War, is the location of the South African national Memorial which was also designed by Herbert Baker, that was later extended to include the South African fallen of the Second World War and the Korean War. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, which is the largest of the cemeteries in the care of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and also the Tyne Cot Memorial were designed by Sir Herbert Baker. Knighted in 1926 for services to art, and following his death at Cobham on 4 February 1946, Sir Herbert Baker was not laid to rest at his beloved Cobham, Kent, but in Westminster Abbey, London.

## The Great War

1914 - 1919

**ACCLETON, ERNEST JOHN.** Private, TF/1957.

1st/4th Battalion (Territorial Force), Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 7 February 1916. Aged 25.

Born Nurstead, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent. Resided Gravesend, Kent.

Son of Mrs. J. Accleton of The Shack, Sole Street, Gravesend, Kent.

Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 29.

N.B. Nurstead, where Ernest was born, which is situated to the south of Gravesend, Kent, also appears spelt Nursted in some data sources.

**BECKHAM, JAMES.** Private, 144952.

21st Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment).

Died 15 September 1916. Aged 24.

Born Kent 19 January 1891. Enlisted Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada 21 August 1915.

Son of William S. Beckham of Batts, Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.

Commemorated on the Vimy Memorial, Vimy Ridge, Pas de Calais, France, also commemorated on page 52 of the Canadian, First World War Book of Remembrance, and on the Luddesdowne, Gravesend, Kent, civic war memorial

**BOUCHER, WILLIAM MOORE.** Captain.

6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 20 November 1917.

Born Rochester, Kent.

Son of Elizabeth Boucher (nee Moore) of Sacristy Cottage, Hartley, Longfield, Kent, and of William T. Boucher.

Buried Fifteen Ravine British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: III. B. 13.

At the time of the 1901 census the Boucher family resided at 7, Watts Avenue, Rochester, Kent.

**CALLER, EDWARD.** Private, G/969.

6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 28 August 1915. Aged 23.

Born Cobham. Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Caller of 24, London Road, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave Ref: II. A. 52.

Also commemorated on the Shorne, Gravesend, Kent, civic war memorial.

**CRITTENDEN, LENARD.** Private, 41335.

2nd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment.

Died 22 March 1918.

Born Wouldham, Rochester, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Cobham, Kent.

Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 28.

**EVENDEN, HARRY EDWARD.** Private, 201247.  
6th Battalion, Tank Corps.  
Died 23 August 1918.  
Born London.  
Buried Railway Cutting Cemetery, Courcelles-le-Comte, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: A. 47.  
Formerly Private, 3050, London Regiment.

**GILBERT, SIDNEY.** Serjeant, 94731.  
"C" Battery, 51st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 24 July 1918. Aged 26.  
Born Shoreham, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.  
Foster son of Mrs. Edith Dickens of The Cottage, Five Diamonds, Chalfont St. Giles, Buckinghamshire.  
Buried Caestre Military Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. E. 6.

**HAYES, THOMAS LEWIS.** Private, 823364.  
1st Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Western Ontario Regiment).  
Died 3 May 1917. Aged 32.  
Born Leeds, Maidstone, Kent 13 October 1884. Enlisted London, Ontario, Canada 2 December 1915. Resided 379, Forbe Street, London, Ontario.  
Son of John and Eliza Hayes.  
Husband of Mrs Mary Hayes of 235, Talbot Street, London, Ontario, Canada.  
Commemorated on the Vimy Memorial, Vimy Ridge, Pas de Calais, France, and on page 253 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.  
At the time of the 1901 census the Hayes family resided at Rams Green Cottages, St. Mary Hoo, Isle of Grain, Kent.

**LOCKYER, WILLIAM GEORGE.** Private, 40055.  
1st Garrison Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment.  
Died 28 March 1919. Aged 38.  
Son of George and Emma Lockyer of Bickley, London.  
Husband of Margaret Lockyer.  
Commemorated on the Karachi 1914-1918 War Memorial, Pakistan.

**LOVELL, CHARLES ERNEST.** Lieutenant.  
62nd Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 21 March 1917. Aged 37.  
Born Gravesend, Kent.  
Son of Edward Lovell (Solicitor), and his wife Annie J. Lovell (possibly nee Potter) of Gravesend, Kent.  
Husband of Laura Mary Lovell (nee Starkey) of 9, St. Mark's Court, Abercorn Place, London.  
Buried Avesnes-le-Comte Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: II. C. 16.

**MARSH, ERNEST.** Leading Stoker, K/821.  
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Formidable.  
Died 1 January 1915. Aged 24.  
Born Cobham, Gravesend, Kent 6 June 1889  
Son of George and Annie Marsh of Boghurst Cottage, Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 11

**MITCHELL, ROBERT.** Best match for this casualty appears to be:-  
**MITCHELL, ROBERT.** Serjeant, 11732.  
176th Tunneling Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 5 June 1915. Aged 37.  
Born Castlewilliam, County Down, Ireland. Enlisted Belfast, Ireland. Resided Singlewell, Gravesend, Kent.  
Husband of May Still (formerly Mitchell) of 6, Jubilee Cottages, Singlewell, Gravesend, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 1.

**MUNGEAM, TOM.** Private, 23431.  
7th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.  
Died 7 December 1917. Aged 35.  
Born Cobham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Thomas and Hester Mungeam of Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Buried Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt, Somme, France. Grave Ref: V. E. 28.  
Prior to enlisting in the army Tom was employed as a Bricklayer, as was his father Thomas.

**POWELL, EVAN JOHN.** Private, 5677.  
"H" Company, 2nd Battalion, Welsh Regiment.  
Died 7 November 1914. Aged 35.  
Born Gelliger, Glamorganshire, Wales. Enlisted Cardiff, Wales. Resided Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Powell.  
Husband of Alice May Everett (formerly Powell) of 28, Beacon Hill, Luton, Chatham, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 37.  
John had served in the South African Campaign (Second Boer War).

**PYE, WILLIAM WAKELEY.** Lieutenant.  
6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 14 October 1915. Aged 23.  
Born St. Mary Hoo, Isle of Grain, Kent.  
Son of Bertha Jane Pye of London Road, West Malling, Kent, and the late James Herbert Pye.  
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 95.  
When William's mother entered into correspondence with the War Office regarding his medals, she was residing at "Clonasillagh," London Road, West Malling, Kent.

**SAMMER, WILLIAM HENRY.** Rifleman, S/28405.  
"B" Company, 10th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.  
Died 7 June 1917. Aged 26.  
Born Minster, Isle of Sheppey, Kent. Enlisted Bexleyheath, Kent. Resided Gravesend, Kent.  
Son of Albert and Rosalie Annie Sammer of East Lodge, Camer, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 9.  
At the time of the 1901 census the Sammer family resided at Sole Street, Cobham, where 42 year old Westwell, Kent native Police Constable Albert Sammer was recorded by the enumerator as being the Head of the house.

**URQUHART, DUNCAN.** Corporal, S/6355.  
9th (Service) Battalion, (Pioneers) Gordon Highlanders.  
Died 17 September 1916.  
Born Inverness, Scotland. Resided Gravesend, Kent.  
Buried Adanac Military Cemetery, Miraumont, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: V. H. 18.

**WALKER, WILLIAM.** Best match for this casualty appears to be:-  
**WALKER, WILLIAM THOMAS.** Gunner, 33991.  
"C" Battery, 125th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 2 March 1916.  
Born Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent.  
Buried Humbercamps, Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. A. 12.

**WRIGHT, HARRY.** Private, 65419.  
13th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 23 August 1918. Aged 21.  
Born Higham, Rochester, Kent. Enlisted Rochester, Kent.  
Son of Harry and Lilian Wright of Telegraph Hill, Higham, Rochester, Kent.  
Buried Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: III. E. 7.  
Formerly Private, G/17944, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Also commemorated on the Higham, Rochester, Kent parish tribute, upon which Harry is commemorated as being a member of The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) at the time of his demise, but all data checked does not match same.

# The Great War

1914 -1919

## Lost Men

Due to how many locations within the United Kingdom are called Cobham, to accurately compile a roll of any former Cobham, Gravesend, Kent residents has proved to be particularly difficult. Despite all reasonable care being taken whilst transcribing, those casualties who comprise the following 'Lost Men' roll should be viewed with an element of caution by anybody accessing same.

**CHALK, STANLEY ARTHUR.** Private, 133321.  
9th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).  
Died 22 October 1918. Aged 19.  
Born Cobham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent. Resided Wainscot, Rochester, Kent.  
Son of Henry and Emma Chalk of 12, Dickens Terrace, Wainscot, Rochester, Kent.  
Buried Duhallow A.D.S. Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: IV. J. 23.

**CURRIE, RICHARD FREDERICK INCE.** Corporal, 947.  
13th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 15 July 1916. Aged 36.  
Born Broadstairs, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted London. Resided Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Son of the late Captain R. H. W. Currie, J.P. (16th Inniskilling Dragoons).  
Husband of Eugenie Celestine Georgette Currie of 63, Boulevard Eurvin, Boulogne-sur-Mer, Pas de Calais, France.  
Buried Pozières British Cemetery, Ovillers-La-Boisselle, Somme, France. Grave Ref: III. D. 5.  
Richard's place of birth on his CWGC commemoration shows him to have been a native of Cheshire, which is incorrect. At the time of the 1901 census, Richard was a Boarder at Southey Hall School, Southey Road, Heene, Worthing, Sussex, where he was recorded as having been born at Broadstairs, Kent.

**HINGSTON, EDWARD.** Major.  
54th Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 28 March 1915. Aged 44.  
Son of the late Richard Hingston of Cornwall.  
Husband of A. Hingston of Poolmerick, Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Buried Estaires Communal Cemetery and Extension, Nord, France.  
Grave Ref: II. H. 8.  
Whilst residing at 7, Mansion Row, Old Brompton, Chatham, Kent, Edward's widow submitted a formal application to the War Office in her attempt to obtain the 1914 Star awarded to Edward, he having first entered a qualifying theatre of war on 18 November 1914. Additional correspondence entered into by Mrs. Hingston in her quest for the medals of her late husband, was when she had also resided at The Vicarage, Grandborough, Rugby, Warwickshire.

**HOITT, SIDNEY.** Serjeant, 8616.  
2nd Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own).  
Died 1 July 1916.  
Born Cobham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 2 A 2 C and 2 D,  
and on the Eaton Socon, Huntingdonshire, civic war memorial.

**HOLLANDS, JOHN CHRISTOPHER.** Corporal, 52231.  
36th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Died 5 July 1918. Aged 29.  
Born Shorne, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent. Resided Cobham, Gravesend,  
Kent.  
Son of William and Eliza Hollands of 2, Thorne House, Cobham College, Cobham,  
Gravesend, Kent.  
Buried Vignacourt British Cemetery, Somme, France. Greave Ref: II. E. 15.  
Commemorated on the Shorne, Gravesend, Kent, civic war memorial.

**MUDDIMAN, GEORGE HENRY WICKERS.** Private, 20471.  
13th (Service) Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment.  
Died 7 October 1917. Aged 32.  
Born Cobham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Birmingham. Resided Small Heath, Birmingham.  
Only son of Mr. and Mrs. Muddiman of 16, Anderton Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.  
Husband of Etta Muddiman of 2, Whitehall Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.  
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 23  
to 28 and 163A.

**PYE, OSCAR GEORGE.** Trooper, 3080.  
1st Life Guards.  
Died 13 May 1913. Aged 22.  
Born Cobham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted London.  
Son of William and Mary Pye of Jeskyn's Court, Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 3.

**TAYLOR, JOHN HERBERT.** Private, G/40453.  
2nd Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.  
Died 23 October 1916.  
Born Cobham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.  
Pier and Face 12 D and 13 B.  
Formerly Private, G/12991, Royal Sussex Regiment.

**TYMMS, CHRISTOPHER HENRY ALBERT.** Rifleman, 391862.  
9th (Service) Battalion (County of London), London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles).  
Died 1 July 1916.  
Enlisted London. Resided Cobham, Kent.  
Buried Gommecourt British Cemetery No.2, Hebuterne, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: III.  
H. 19.

**WALKER, EDWARD HENRY.** Able Seaman, 163583.  
Royal Navy, H.M.S. "Hawke."  
Died 15 October 1915. Aged 39.  
Borne Shorne, Gravesend, Kent  
Son of Anthony and Harriett Walker, of Cobham, Kent.  
Husband of the late Gertrude Alice Walker.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 3.  
Doubtless the transcriber of these brief commemorations is not alone when being assailed with a range of thoughts when viewing war memorials, as irrespective of their size or nationality etcetera numerous emotions are evoked. In much the same way, one recurring thought whilst carrying out the transcriptions for this website and others, is the tragic injustice when casualties are found that are not commemorated on a particular local or national war memorial where clearly they should be. With 23 years service in the Royal Navy prior to his death, Edward is numbered amongst their number.

**WOOL, BENJAMIN JAMES.** Private, 10616.  
6th (Service) Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment.  
Died 15 August 1915.  
Born Cobham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Worksop, Nottinghamshire.  
Buried Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.  
Grave Ref: J. 102.

## The Second World War 1939 - 1945

**BECKHAM, RONALD JOSEPH RUSSELL.** Gunner, 1138114.  
23 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.  
Died 27 July 1944. Aged 21.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Son of Albert Edward and Amy Florence Beckham of Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Buried Florence War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: V. D. 11.

**KINGMAN, THOMAS.** Trooper, 6352857.  
59th Regiment, Reconnaissance Corps, Royal Armoured Corps.  
Died 12 August 1944. Aged 31.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Buried Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave Ref: XXIII. C. 8.  
Originally enlisted in the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

**MARTIN, FREDA.** No trace.

**MILLEN, STANLEY ARTHUR.** Flight Sergeant (Pilot), 1332490.  
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
Died 1 October 1943.  
Son of Arthur Henry and Ellen Kate Millen of Sole Street, Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Buried Cobham, Gravesend, Kent (St. Mary Magdalene) New Churchyard.

**MOOJEN, FLORENCE FAIRBURN.** Serjeant, K/253.  
Womens Territorial Service (East Africa).  
Died 12 February 1944. Aged 36.  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Moojen of Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Commemorated on the East Africa Memorial, Nairobi War Cemetery, Kenya.  
Column 76.  
Formerly Womens Transport Service (F.A.N.Y.). Florence was numbered amongst the 1297 people who sadly lost their lives in the sinking of the troopship 'Khedive Ismail,' by the Japanese submarine I-27, which was commanded by the infamous Captain Toshiaki Fukumura, whilst the ship was in Convoy KR8, en route from Mombasa to Ceylon.

**MORRIS**, RAYMONDE. Leading Aircraftman, 551580.  
82 Squadron, Royal Air Force.  
Died 17 May 1940.  
Son of Archibald and Ethel Sarah Morris of Romford, Essex.  
Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 23.

**SMITH**, HARRY. Bombardier, 964467.  
118 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.  
Died 30 November 1943. Aged 26.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Son of Thomas and Ruth Smith of Malling Cross, Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Buried Chungkai War Cemetery, Kanchanaburi, Thailand. Grave Ref: 6. A. 5.

**WILSON**, ALEXANDER LEEMON. Apprentice.  
Merchant Navy, S.S. Baron Blythwood (Ardrossan).  
Died 20 September 1940. Aged 21.  
Son of Thomas Wilson and of Grace Edith Wilson (née Leemon) of Gravesend, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London. Panel 14.

**WOOD**, ROBERT. Squadron Leader (Pilot), 40587.  
180 Squadron, Royal Air Force.  
Died 9 August 1944. Aged 26  
Son of Reginald Cecil and Dorothy Julia Wood of Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.  
Buried Nesle-l'Hôpital Churchyard, Somme, France.







TO THE MEMORY OF THE MEN OF COMPANY

ERNEST J. AGLETON  
JAMES B. GONHAM  
W. MOORE BOBBER  
EDWARD GALLER

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