

THE WAR DEAD OF THE PARISH OF HEMPSTEAD, ESSEX.

1914--1918

FRANK EDGAR ANDREWS. 24578, Private, 2nd. Bn. Suffolk Regt. Died 07/05/1917. Buried Feuchy Chapel British Cemetery, Wancourt, France. Plot 1, Row D, Grave 20.

CHARLES ERNEST ANDREWS. D.C.M. 202215, Private, 10th. Bn. Essex Regt. Died 03/04/1918. Buried Gentelles Communal Cemetery, France. Grave 7.

WILLIAM ANDREWS. (C.W.G.C. have him as Walter William Andrews, 2005, Private, 41<sup>st</sup>. Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. died 31<sup>st</sup>. July, 1917, aged 26. Commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, panel 7. Son of David and Emma Foster of Swards End, Saffron Walden.

HARRY COLMAN. 1941A, Private, 34th. Bn. Australian Infantry. Died 11/06/1917. Buried Messines Ridge British Cemetery, Belgium. Plot 4, Row F, Grave 21. Aged 32. Son of William Thomas and Frances Eliza Colman. Native of Hempstead.

HUGH CHARLES COLMAN. (C.W.G.C. have no record, but the memorial in the Parish Church states that he served with the Somerset Yeomanry. )

GEORGE FOSTER. 16578. Private, 9th. Bn. Essex Regt. Died 18/10/1915. Loos Memorial, France. Members of the Essex Regt. are commemorated on Panels 85 to 87. Age 27, Son of George Foster, of Hill Road, Hempstead.

ARTHUR PURKISS. 310937, Sapper, 3rd. Field Survey Coy. Royal Engineers. Died 03/10/1918. Buried Chapel Corner Cemetery, Sauchy-Lestree, France. Row C, Grave 6. Aged 23. Son of Clara Purkiss and the late Alfred Purkiss of Hempstead.

WILLIAM PURKISS. 2307, Private, 1st./24th. Bn. London Regt. (Essex Regt. on Parish Church memorial.) Died 26/05/1915. Commemorated on Le Touret Memorial, France. Panel 46 or 47.

ARTHUR MACDONALD PURKISS. 35150, Private, 1st. Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers. Died 04/09/1916. Buried Serre Road No. 2 Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, France. Plot 38, Row C, Grave 8. Aged 16. Son of Arthur Purkiss, of 73, Linnell Road, Camberwell, London.

ARTHUR ROBINSON. 4226, Private, 1st. Bn. Hertfordshire Regt. Died 04/06/1916. Buried Bethune Town Cemetery, France. Plot 5, Row D, Grave 86.

CHARLES ROBINSON. 15203, Private, 11th. Bn. Essex Regt. Died 22/09/1916. Buried St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France. Plot B. Row 20, Grave 40. Aged 25. Son of Charles and Ann Robinson, of Hill Road, Hempstead.

ERNEST JOHN STUBBINGS. 26129, Private, Machine Gun Corps (inf.) Died 21/04/1917. Buried? Beaurains Road Cemetery, Beaurains, France. Ronville Military Cemetery Memorial 1. Note-Special Memorials have been erected to officers and men whose graves in other cemeteries have been lost. Private Stubbings is the first name listed on the Ronville Military Cemetery Memorial stone.

ARTHUR WILLIAM TURNER. 15685, Private, 1st. Bn. Essex Regt. Died 14/04/1917. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France. Bay 7.

GEORGE TYCER 203075, Private, 2nd. Bn. Worcestershire Regt. Died 26/09/1917. Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Passchendaele, Belgium. Members of the Worcestershire Regt. are commemorated on Panels 75 to 77.

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JOHN WILLIAM BANKS. D/MX 81822, Petty Officer Cook, H.M.S. Aldenham, Royal Navy. Died 14/12/1944. Commemorated on Plymouth Naval Memorial, Devon. Panel 91, Column 2.

FRANK ROBERT BARNARD. 1646440, Rifleman, 9th. Bn. Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Died 31/10/1944. Buried Nederweert War Cemetery, Netherlands. Plot 2, Row A, Grave 11. Aged 32. Son of Joseph and Jane Barnard; husband of Ethel Barnard of Putney, London.

FRANCIS HARLEY BRIDGMAN. 911575, Sergeant, 104 Sqdn. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died 25/04/1941. Commemorated on Runnymede Memorial, Egham, Surrey. Panel 40. Aged 24. Son of John Moore and Dorothea Bridgman, of Saffron Walden, Essex.

CECIL JOHN GIBBS. 5832298, Private, 1st. Bn. Cambridgeshire Regt. The Suffolk Regt. Died 22/07/1943. Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Column 58. Aged 29. Son of Mrs. S. Gibbs, of Hempstead.

NOTE- The Memorial on the wall of the Parish Church is for 1914-1918 only, and does not include Arthur Macdonald Purkiss, Ernest Stubbings, Arthur William Turner or George Tycer. (possibly because they were chapel members).