ALBERT MAYNARD

1884 - 1917

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)



Surname/Christian name: Maynard, Albert

Rank/Service No: G/9561

Regiment/Unit: 1st Btn. The Buffs, (East Kent Regiment)



Regiment Badge

Date of Death: 4th October 1917

Age: 34

Type of Casualty: Killed in Action

Theatre of War: Western Front

Born/Year/Location: Born October 1884 in Capel, Kent.

Enlisted/Attestation: Goudhurst, on 28th November 1915.

Son of/Address: Son of George Phillip Maynard and Elizabeth Jane Holman, both of Capel, Kent

Buried/Commemorated/Memorial: LOOS BRITISH CEMETERY

Personal and Family Information:

Siblings: Angelina Holman b 1874 (named as Angelina Maynard in 1881, 1891 censuses) Emily Jane Maynard b 1878, George Maynard b 1880, Kate Maynard b 1885, Elizabeth Maynard b 1888.

After Albert's father George died in 1911, Albert moved with his mother Elizabeth, to Penhall Cottages, Horsmonden, until Albert was called up in March 1916, after which, his mother Elizabeth moved to no.2 East View in Horsmonden village, with her daughter, also named Elizabeth. who had married Ernest Johnson in 1910.

Her daughter, Emily Jane, married Thomas Taylor in 1904, a farmer and fruit grower of nearby Kirkins Farm, who was Albert's employer at the time of his enlistment.

Her youngest daughter Kate married Fred Dadson in 1914 and lived at Remingtons, and her eldest daughter, Angelina, married William James Barham in 1891 and lived at The Common, Hadlow.

Prior Occupation: Farm Labourer

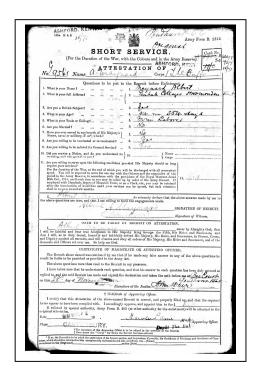
Relevant Military Record/Service details:

Albert enlisted in Goudhurst, on 28th November 1915. He took the oath which was witnessed and signed by John Alexander Druce J.P. Gore Court.

His Attestation was approved and he was placed in Battalion, The Buffs, with the service number G/9561, and transferred to the Army Reserve.

Service Records:

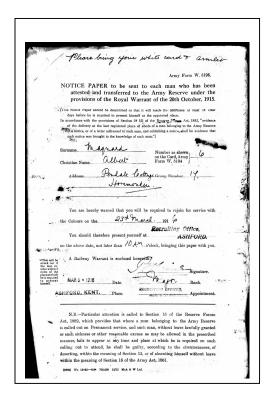
The Service Records shown are from Albert Maynard's service file, several pages of which were badly fire damaged and subsequently water damaged during the extinguishing of the fire, when the Army repository in Wandsworth was hit during a German air raid in 1940.



Short Service Attestation

Albert received notification of his call up from the reserve to serve with the colours and ordered to attend at Ashford on the 23rd March 1916.

He was placed in D Company, 3rd Bn of the Buffs and after a period of training was transferred to the 1st Battalion and embarked with the British Expeditionary Force for France.



Notification of call up

During 1916, Albert's Battalion was involved in heavy fighting at Flers-Courcelette, Morval and Transloy, before being engaged in the heaviest fighting of the war in Northern France.

Promotions: 26th Mar 1917, appointed L/Cpl unpaid. 1st April 1917, appointed L/Cpl. Paid. 25th June 1917 Albert was appointed to Acting Corporal (paid) and on the same day was officially promoted to the rank of full Corporal.

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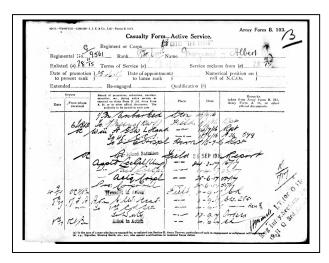
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Statement of Services

Albert was wounded on the 14th July 1916, a gunshot wound to left hand, and was treated in hospital in Havre. A second wounding was caused by a gunshot wound to the head on the 3rd Sept 1917, which was treated in a Field Station before being returned to duty on the 22nd Sept 1917.

Albert was killed in action in the Loos-en-Gohelle area, near Lens on 4th October 1917.

He was buried in Corkscrew Cemetery, Loos, and later reburied in the extended part of the cemetery when the graves in the battlefield and small cemeteries were concentrated within and reburied with full military honours.



Casualty Form

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Newspaper report on his death:

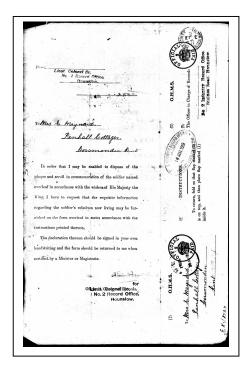
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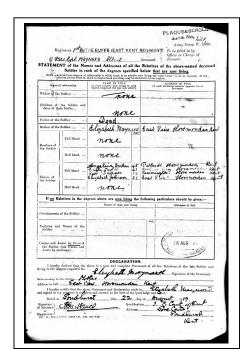


CPL. A MAYNARD

"Cpl. A. Maynard, only son of Mrs. Maynard, of East View, Horsmonden, was killed on October 4th. He had previously been twice wounded.

Before joining the Army in March 1916, he was employed by Mr. Taylor."

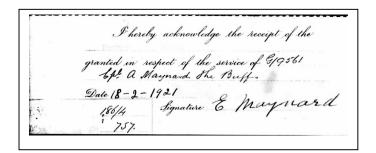


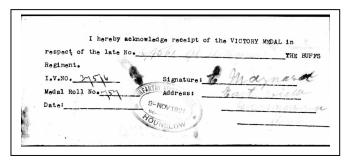


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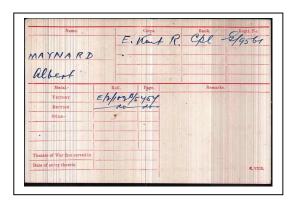
This showed (ii) the succession of next of kin and was required to be witnessed by a magistrate or minister, which in Elizabeth's case, was John Alexander Druce of Gore Court, Goudhurst.

War Medals, Plaque and Scrolls Documentation





Medal receipts above for British War & Victory Medals



Medal Roll Index Card

War Medals, Scroll and Plaque.







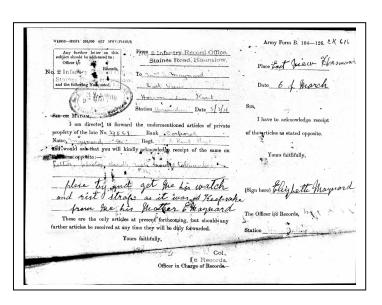
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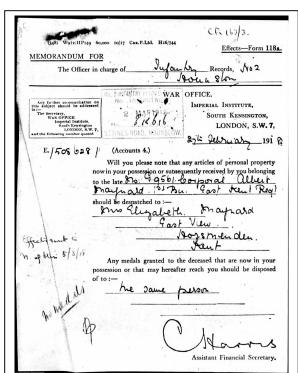
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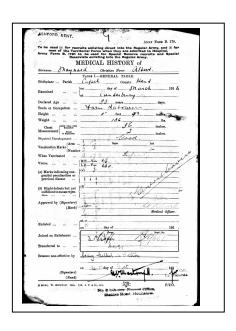


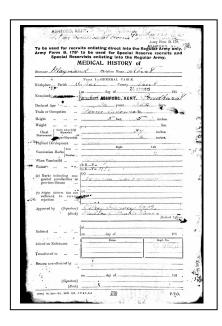


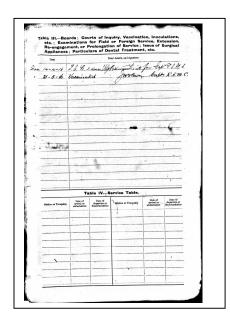
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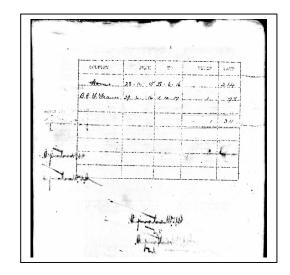






Above records show medical history related, vaccinations etc.

Shown below - British Expeditionary Force service dates



Below are shown Dependants Pension related, Ledger/Index cards etc.







Shown below is **Register of Soldiers Effects**. Maynard, Albert. 1st Bn. East Kent Regt. Corporal 9561 Credits: £1-12s-0d / War Gratuity: £7-10s-0d / Paid to Albert's Mother Elizabeth



United Kingdom War Memorials.

Horsmonden War Memorial.







1922

Photo of respective part of WM

Present Day



Oak Memorial Plaque Soldier shown left block, row 3, no. 5



St Margaret's Church Memorial Scroll

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Entry

CWGC CERTIFICATE

In Memory Of

Corporal

ALBERT MAYNARD

Service Number: G/9561

1st Bn., The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) who died on 04 October 1917 Age 34

Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Maynard, of East View, Horsmonden, Kent.

Remembered with Honour

LOOS BRITISH CEMETERY

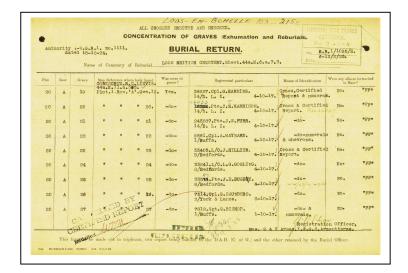
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CWGC Grave information below - **Burial Report (Exhumations & Reburials) Graves Concentration**Albert's body found at Corkscrew British Cemetery, Lieven, and reburied in Loos British Cemetery.



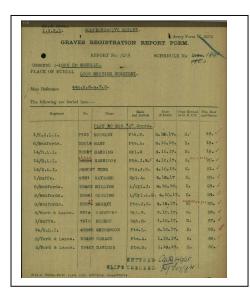
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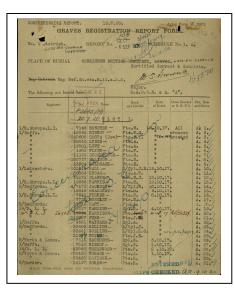
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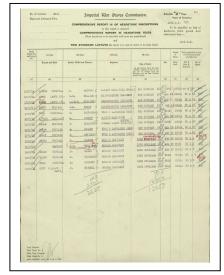
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Below - Graves Registration Reports, Details of Grave and Burial Returns:







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LOOS MILITARY CEMETERY FRANCE:

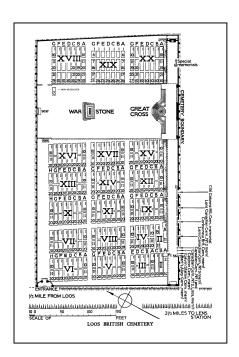








Cemetery Plan:



Plot: XX A 22

Cpl. Albert Maynard



Footnotes and Acknowledgements:

Footnote 1: Albert's eldest sister, Angelina, and husband William Barham, had 7 children, including Albert Edward Victor Barham, who married Dorothy Ada Couchman in 1930. They lived at Hoath Meadow before moving to 8, Gibbet Lane and had 10 children.

Cpl. Albert Maynard, of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs, was great Uncle to Ray, John ("Gongey"), Ted, Eric and Gerald Barham, all played for Horsmonden's football team over a span of several years, also his nieces from the same family, Mildred, Thelma, Enid, Megan and Maureen Barham. Enid Chappell (Barham) lives in Horsmonden with her Husband David.

The Barham children's uncle, Sgt. Frederick Couchman, who fell in WW1 is also commemorated on Horsmonden's War Memorial.

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