

MEN OF SARK

Have you forgotten yet? ...

For the world's events have rumbled on since those gagged days,
Like traffic checked while at the crossing of city-ways:
And the haunted gap in your mind has filled with thoughts that flow
Like clouds in the lit heaven of life; and you're a man reprieved to go,
Taking your peaceful share of Time, with joy to spare.

But the past is just the same - and War's a bloody game ...

Have you forgotten yet? ...

Look down, and swear by the slain of the War that you'll never forget.

Do you remember the dark months you held the sector at Mametz -
The nights you watched and wired and dug and piled sandbags on parapets?
Do you remember the rats; and the stench
of corpses rotting in front of the front-line trench -
And dawn coming, dirty-white, and chill with a hopeless rain?
Do you ever stop and ask, "Is it all going to happen again?"

Do you remember the hour of din before the attack -
And the anger, the blind compassion that seized and shook you
As you peered at the doomed and haggard faces of your men?
Do you remember the stretcher-cases lurching back
With dying eyes and lolling heads - those ashen-grey
Masks of the lads who once were keen and kind and gay?

Have you forgotten yet? ...

Look up, and swear by the green of the spring that you'll never forget.

Aftermath Siegfried Sassoon.

Men of Sark

Sark, like many parts of Britain, played its part in both world wars. In WW1 many men enlisted, both in the army and at sea. Many did not come home; their names are on the memorial outside St Peter's. In WW11 Sark was occupied, one young man brought up on Sark did join up, but as the memorial attests he did not come home.

Who were these men? What did they do? Where did they live? Who were their families? Questions often asked at the memorial, in church or in chapel. This booklet hopes to answer some of these questions. Every man who enlisted played their part whether their service was long or short, some paid the ultimate price, but each one was a part of Sark and is part of the history of Sark.

The age range of those that volunteered stretched from 18 to 39 years. Some men were single, others were married with children. In all over twelve per cent of the entire population of Sark and therefore over sixty per cent of the adult male population (10 - 39)volunteered to serve in WW1.

Hopefully all the men who volunteered are recorded here, it is impossible so many years after the conflict to be sure, but every endeavour has been made to ensure it is complete. The research has relied on official documentary sources as well as recollections and local history sources. Every effort has been made to ensure that all the entries are accurate, but any errors are the responsibility of the compiler.

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BAKER

Alfred

Born 1900

Family Son of Alfred Baker and Elizabeth Hamon.

Married to Olive Corbet.

Father of Alfred, William, Cedric and Victor.

Occupation cobbler.

Known as Fred or Gandy.

Died 1981 aged 81.

Lived La Collenette, Little Sark

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 7660. Never went to France.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

BAKER

Hedley

Born 1892

Family Son of Mrs Elizabeth A Baker. Grandson of Abraham Baker.

Lived Clos a Joan and La Peigneurie.

Farmworker and clerk to the Seneschal.

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1st Battalion 1328

Killed in action 18th March 1918, Passchendale, in a German offensive trench raid aged 26.

No known grave. Memorial at Tyne Cot, panel 161.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

BAKER

John (Jack)

Born	1898
Family	Son of Elidia Baker and Mary Naftel. Brother of Mary, Ethel, Frank, Peter and Thomas. Married Louisa Mary Carré. Father of Phyllis, Margaret and Isabel. Grandfather of Christa, Rosemarie, Christopher, Nigel and Richard. Died 1973. Aged 75
Lived	Vaucrocque and La Ville

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1329 Part of Reinforcement 1, went to France 24th October 1917.

Taken prisoner 1st December 1917, Minden POW camp.

Returned to England 29th November 1918.

Discharged due to health, wounds or age.

Awarded Discharge Badge.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

BAKER

John Francis Philip

Born 1876

Family Son of John Baker and Lydie Hamon.

Brother of Elsie, Albert, William, Francis, Mary, Mabel, Philip, Amelia, Lydia and Rosina.

Husband of Nancy Annie Guille.

Known as Jack Navy.

Died in 1937 aged 60.

Lived La Fregondée, La Tour and Dos Dane.

Served in Merchant Navy as Leading Stoker rising to Chief Petty Officer in the North Sea Fleet and later on the China Station..

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

BAKER

Thomas

Born 1900

Family Son of Eliada Baker and Mary Naftel.
Brother of Mary, Ethel, Frank, Peter and John (Jack).
Married Doris Harriet Hamon.
Father of Thomas.
Died 1970 aged 69.

Lived Vaurocque, Le Carrefour and La Ville

Served in Royal Navy. Occupation fisherman.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

BAKER

William Philip

Born 1876

Family Son of Thomas Baker and Ann Carré.

Brother of Thomas, Ann, Francis, Lea, Dora, Henri, Henry, Denis, Hirzel, Peter, Ernest, Wilfred.

Married to Marie Guille.

Father of William.

Died 1941 in a boating accident in Creux Harbour.

Lived Dos Dane

Member of Sark British Legion

BATTLE

Fred

Born 1899

Family Son of Harry Battle, a stoneworker in Guernsey.
Brother of Harry and Albert.

Private in Royal Irish Fusiliers, 7th Battalion 21797

Killed in action 14th July 1917, at Loos, 1st Battle of The Somme, aged 17.

Buried St Patricks Cemetery, Loos, 1N15

CARRÉ

Ernest Douglas

Born 1884

Family Son of Philip Carré and Agnes Hamon.

Brother of John and Philip.

Married to Bertha Netherton.

Father of Ernest, Marshall, Eunice, Jean Philip, Leonard, Gerald, Barbara, Una, Mildred and Henry,

Died in Guernsey in 1956.

Occupation fisherman prior to occupation. Later crew on 'White Heather' and Captain of 'The Merry Widow'.

Lived Elm Cottage, La Collenette, La Ville, Guernsey.

Member of Sark British Legion

CARRÉ

Eugene

Born 1886

Family Son of John Carré and Mary Ann Vaudin.
Brother of William, John and Thomas.
Married to Winifred Agnes Hamon.
Died 1922 aged 37.

Lived La Rade, Mon Desir, Clos a Joan.

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 861.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

CARRÉ

Hedley

Born 1896

Family Son of Helier Thomas Carré and Julia Ann Guille.

Brother of Jean Pierre, Julia Ann, Mary, Helier, Marie, Elizabeth, Thomas and Philip.

Died 1979 aged 82.

Lived La Marguerite and La Collenette

Occupation at time of enlisting – farm labourer. Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 7662.

Was never transferred to France. Was deported to Biberach and Laufen camps in February 1943.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

CARRÉ

Helier

Born	1900
Family	Son of Helier and Harriet Carré, brother of Harriet. Uncle of Willie 'The Shop' Le Masurier.
Lived	La Collenette

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 7661.

At time of enlistment was fisherman.

Died Fort George, Guernsey at 4am, 13th November 1918 aged 18, cause of death pneumonia and influenza.

Was never transferred to France.

Buried in North Ground, St Peters' Sark.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

CARRÉ

James Stephen

Born 1885

Family Son of Peter Henri Carré and Nancy Le Feuvre.
Brother of Henri, Adeline, Peter, Helier, Alfred and Stephen.

Lived Dos Dane, La Garde, Le Fort and L'Ecluse.

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1st Battalion 507.

Killed in action 13th April 1918 aged 33 in the withdrawal at Doulieu.

No known grave, memorial on Ploegsteert Memorial, panel 11.

CARRÉ

John (Jean)

Born 1880

Family Son of Henri Carré and Jane Harriet Le Feuvre.

Brother of Henry, Mabel, Jane, Frederick, Mary, William and Patrick.

Married Annie Guille of Dos Dane.

Father of Alice, Eileen, Amelia, Sarah, Annie, Mabel, Cecilia, Florence, Elsie and Amy.

Died 1956 aged 76.

Lived Manoir, Dos Dane, Vaurocque and La Joie

Occupation at time of enlistment – fisherman.

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1222 part of Reinforcement 1, transferring to France on 24th October 1917.

Invalided to England 8th December 1917, wound left leg.

Awarded Discharge Badge.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

CARRÉ

John (Jean)

Born 1876

Family Son of Philip Carré and Jane Hamon.

Brother of Philip Thomas, Jane, Joseph, Henriette, Agnes and Annie.

Married Julia Carré.

Father of Ida and Julia.

Grandfather of John.

Occupation blacksmith.

Died 1959 aged 83.

Lived Plaisance and Beaulieu.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion. Treasurer of Sark British Legion for twenty eight years.

CARRÉ

Jean

Born 1883

Family Son of Thomas Carré and Nancy Carré.

Brother of Thomas, Alfred, Elizabeth, Mary, Philip, Alberta, Maryann and Alice.

Died 1944 as a result of a tree felling accident in the Dixcart Valley aged 60.

Lived Carrefour, Le Manoir and Dixcart.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

CARRÉ

Jean Pierre

Born 1881

Family Son of Helier Thomas Carré and Julia Guille.

Brother of Philip, Julia Ann, Mary, Helier, Marie, Elizabeth, Hedley and Thomas.

Married to Laura Guille.

Father to Laura, James, Jean, Charles, William, Olive, Florence, Laura Maud, Minnie, Doris, Molly, Marjorie, Edna, Nellie, Arthur, Jack, Winnie and John.

Died 1969, Guernsey.

Lived La Collenette and Le Bouet in Guernsey.

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 615.

CARRÉ

Philip

Born 1879

Family Son of Helier Thomas Carré and Julia Ann Guille.

Brother of Jean Pierre, Julia Ann, Mary, Helier, Marie, Elizabeth, Hedley and Thomas.

Married to Adelina Baker.

Father of Adelina, Christine, Hilary, Philip, Lucy and Thomas.

'Pop' to Nellie, Vivian, Linda, Sue, Jan, Peter, Diana, George and Angela.

Awarded BEM for long service as Sark postman.

Died 1961 aged 82.

Lived La Rade, La Peigneurie, Victoria Cottage and La Collenette.

Private in the Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1224.

Transferred to England for demobilisation, 20th February 1919.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

CARRÉ

Philip John

Born 1881

Family Son of Philip Carré and Agnes Hamon.
Brother of Ernest Douglas and John.
Married Mabel Le Masurier.
Father of May.
Grandfather of Jacqueline.
Occupation fisherman and pilot of 'The Sheila'.
Known as Punch.
Died 1967 aged 86.

Lived Mon Desir, Plaisance.

Member of Sark British Legion.

CARRÉ

Stephen Alfred

Born	1879
Family	Son of Peter Henri Carré and Nancy Le Feuvre. Brother of Peter, Ellen, Hilary, Alfred, Henri and James. Married Amy Hamon neé Le Page. Father of James. Known as Little Steve. Bell-ringer at St Peter's for many years. Died in Guernsey 1951 aged 72, buried at Foulon Cemetery.
Lived	Dos Dane, La Garde, Le Fort and L'Ecluse

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 428.

Part of Reinforcement 9, sent to France 15th March 1917

Wounded at Cambrai 20th November 1917, leg injury.

Transferred to England 24th November 1917.

Invalided to England sick 16.03.18

Member of Sark British Legion.

CARRÉ

Thomas

Born 1895

Family Son of Helier Thomas Carre and Julia Ann Guille.

Brother of Jean Pierre, Julia Ann, Mary, Helier, Marie, Elizabeth, Hedley and Philip.

Lived La Collenette

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1st Battalion 133.

Died of wounds sustained in a gas shell explosion on 26th March 1918 during a German offensive at Passchendale.

Thomas was 23 years old.

Buried Nine Elms Cemetery Poperinghe, XE10

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

CARRÉ

Thomas

Born

1897

Family

Son of Thomas Carré and Elizabeth Carré,

Brother of William, Arthur, Ernest, Adele and Maud.

Occupation in 1911 Telegraph Boy.

Moved to Guernsey in the 1920's with the family, occupation – fisherman.

Married and had two daughters.

Drowned 1946, aged 49, off the Casquettes, when the Isle Jersey mail boat which was en route to Southampton, was swamped by a fifty foot wave during a hurricane. Thomas was travelling to the Isle of Wight to collect a new fishing boat for his friend when he, along with his two friends, was washed overboard.

Known as Big Tom.

Lived

Clos a Joan, La Ville and La Passée in Guernsey.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

CARRÉ

William

Born	1881
Family	Son of William Carre and Nancy Guille. Married to Daisy May Hamon Father of William, Alfred and Phyllis. Died 1950 aged 70.
Lived	La Marguerite

Occupation at time of enlisting – farm labourer. Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1575, part of Reinforcement 3, transferring to France 2nd December 1917.

Invalided to England 4th January 1918

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

CARRÉ

William

Born 1883

Family Son of William Carre and Annie Hamon
Brother of Minnie.
Married Eva Falle.
Father of John and Joy.
Seneschal 1937 - 1945
Died 1963 aged 80.

Lived La Collenette, Rosebud, Le Vert

Occupation clerk. Suffered with the effects of trench foot for many years.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

CARRÉ

William

Born 1883

Family Son of Henry Carre and Jane
Brother of Henry, Jane, Jean and Frederick.
Married Tryphena Gates.
Father of Cartor.

Lived Dos Dane, Vaurocque and Carrefour

Occupation fisherman.

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 3685. Transferred to France September 1918.

DE CARTERET

Elie

Born 1899

Family Son of Elie De Carteret and Florence Letcher.
Brother of William, Percy, Arthur, Philip and Florence.
Married Hannah Riordan.
Father of Michael.
Died 1997 aged 97.

Lived Vaurocque and Fregondée

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 7663, never transferred to France.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

DE CARTERET

Cecil

Born 1892
Family Son of Simon De Carteret and Helene Drillot.
Brother of Harold.
Died 1924 aged 32.
Lived La Ville, Grand Dixcart.

Enlisted in Royal Navy 1910 as Able Seaman L307. Described as Seaman Gunner in 1919. Served on St Vincent, Hecla, Monarch and Barham. Was at the Battle of Jutland in 1916 on HMS Monarch.

Described as of very good conduct, 5' 5", chest 34½", with light brown hair, grey eyes and fresh complexion.

DE CARTERET

Henry James (Harry)

Born	1891
Family	Son of Thomas Peter De Carteret and Anne Eliza Des Caudevilles. Brother of Thomas, Clifford, Edwin, Willy and James.
Lived	Carrefour and St Peter Port

Previously in Guernsey Militia. Occupation at enlisting – labourer. Private in Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Battalion 3187.

Part of 1st Contingent.

Killed in action 3rd September 1916 aged 25 at Guillemont, 1st Battle of The Somme.

No known grave, memorial on Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 3A

DE CARTERET

Nery

Born 1896

Family Son of Elizabeth Ann (Betsy) De Carteret nee Hamon.
Brother of Thomas, Flora and Stephen
Married Ethel Speight
Father of Ivy

Lived La Forge and Clos de Cerf, Rue Lucas

Previously in Guernsey Militia. 6th Royal Irish Regiment 3465, 1st Draft RGLI 1917.

Died 1967 in Burnley.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

DE CARTERET

Stephen

Born 1886
Family Son of Henri De Carteret and Betsy Hamon.
Brother of Thomas, Nery and Flora.
Lived Clos Du Cerf

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1st Battalion 1468.

Killed in action 1st December 1917 aged 30, at
Masnieres, Cambrai, in hand to hand fighting.

Buried Pont du Jour Military Cemetery, Athies, IV.J.3.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

DENIS

Alfred John

Born 1886

Family Son of John Henry and Elizabeth Jane Le Feuvre.
Brother of John and Irene, grandson of Betsey Le Feuvre.
Married to Laura Young.
Father of Ivy.

Lived La Ville

Occupation fisherman. Fireman on SS Coquet, lost on 4th January 1916. Remembered on Tower Hill Memorial for Merchant Seamen. SS Coquet was scuttled by U 34 (Capt Claus Rücker), 200 miles east of Malta. The ship was carrying a load of salt from Torrevieja to Rangoon. 17 lives were lost.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

DENIS

John Henry

Born 1888

Family Son of John Henry Denis and Elizabeth Jane Le Feuvre.
Brother of Alfred and Irene.
Grandson of Betsey Le Feuvre

Lived La Ville

Served in Merchant Navy

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

DRILLOT

John

Born	1895
Family	Son of Peter Drillot and Louisa Judith Hamon. Brother of James, Dulcie, Helena, Peter, Nora, Henry and Ella.
Lived	Rue Hotton and Rue Lucas

Crewmember of turret type tramp steamer Almond Branch. Sunk as a result of torpedo attack by UB 57, under the command of Lt Captain Otto Steinbrinck. John Drillot was the sole casualty. The Almond Branch (3,400 tonnes) was en-route with general cargo from South America to London via Port Talbot. She went down 2 miles SE of Dodman Point, near Mevagissey, Cornwall on 27th November 1917, John Drillot was 22 years old.

FALLE

Albert George

Born 1892

Family Son of John William Falle and Jane Elizabeth Carré.
Brother of Reginald, Gladys, Lottie, Sybil, Eva, Nelka, William, Edmund and Arthur.
Married Eva Keen.
Father of Sheila.
Worked at Stocks.
Died 1956 aged 64
Known as Bertie.

Lived Pavillion and Beauregard

Served in Royal Flying Corps.

Member of Sark British Legion.

FALLE

Edmund Stanley

Born 1888

Family Son of John William Falle and Jane Elizabeth Carré.

Brother of Reginald, Gladys, Lottie, Sybil, Eva, Nelka, William, Arthur and Albert.

Husband of May Mollet.

Father of Ruth, Regina, Gladys, Eileen, William and Stanley.

Deported in WW11 to Dorstan Camp, his wife was initially sent to Compiegne Camp, reunited at Biberach Camp.

Died 1959 aged 71.

Lived Pavillion and Beauregard

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 887. Part of Reinforcement 1, transferred to France 24th October 1917.

Wounded 20th January 1918, hand injury.

Remained in France as part of the Details Battalion.

FALLE

Reginald Brett

Born 1896

Family Son of John William and Jane Elizabeth Falle, brother of Edmund, Gladys, Lottie, Sybil, Eva, Arthur, William, Nelka and Albert.

Lived Pavillion and Beauregard

Driver with Royal Field Artillery 71st Bty. 36th Bde, 9th Divisional Ammunition Column 91459. Went to France with 3rd Draft.

Died of gunshot wounds to his left shoulder and chest received 3rd September, died 11th September 1918 aged 22.

Buried Terlincthun Cemetery, Wimille, 111D47

GUILLE

Charles William

Born 1890

Family Son of James Guille and Agnes Mary Hamon.

Brother of Eugenia, Laura and James.

Married to Louisa Alice Bisson (grand-daughter of the Methodist Minister Charles Bisson).

Father of Charles James (Charly).

Lived Le Fort

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 864. Part of Reinforcement 1, transferred to France 24th October 1917.

Killed in action 1st December 1917 aged 27 Masnieres, Cambrai, in hand to hand fighting.

No known grave, memorial on Cambrai Memorial Louveral, Panel 13.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

GUILLE

James

Born	1899
Family	Son of Mrs Mary Baker. Grandson of Judith Guille.
Lived	Dos Dane

Was a gardener at enlistment on 13th April 1917. Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1884. Part of Reinforcement 9, transferred to France 15th March 1918.

Killed in action 13th April 1918 aged 19, in the withdrawal from Doulieu.

No known grave, memorial on Ploegsteert Memorial, Panel 11.

GUILLE

James

Born	1884
Family	Son of Nancy Hamon and James Guille. Brother of Annie and John Philip. Married to Ann Elizabeth Hamon. Father of Annie, Mary and Mabel.
Lived	Vaurocque

Occupation prior to enlisting – fisherman. Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1225.

Killed in action on 21st March 1918 aged 32 in German offensive at Passchendale.

No known grave, memorial on Tyne Cot Memorial, panel 161.

GUILLE

John Philip

Born 1895

Family Son of James Guille and Nancy Hamon.
Brother of Annie and James.
Married to Mabel Hamon.
Father of James and Jean.
Died 1926 aged 31.

Lived Vaurocque

Occupation prior to enlistment – farm labourer. Private Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 847.
Invalided to England 9th December 1917.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

GUILLE

John Thomas

Born 1893

Family Son of John Guille and Ann Elizabeth Hamon.
Brother of Ann Elizabeth.
Husband of Ann Elizabeth Guille.

Lived Mon Plasir and Le Fort

Occupation prior to enlistment – farm labourer. Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 308.

Died of pneumonia at Doullens hospital following wounds received on 28th November 1917 aged 24 in hand to hand fighting Masnieres, Cambrai,

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No1, V.C.76

GUILLE

Peter Nicolle

Born 1890

Family Son of Peter Guille and Mathilda De Carteret.
Brother of Jane, Philip, Matilda, Carterette, George, and Rachel.
Married to Florence Mary Lihou.
Father of Florence, Peter, Tilly, Mabel, Alfred and William.
Later moved to Ontario, Canada.
Died 1976 aged 85.

Lived Beauregard

Occupation prior to enlisting farm labourer. Private RGLI 1152

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

GUILLE

Philip

Born 1882

Family Son of Philip Guille and Henriette Patty Carré.

Married Ethel Baker and later Amy De Carteret neé Carré.

Prevôt from 1938 for 30 years.

Died in 1968, aged 76.

Lived Little Sark, La Rue and The Avenue

Private Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 863.

Wounded in right leg at Battle of Cambrai.

Remained in France with Details Battalion at the end of the war.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

GUILLE

Philip James

Born 1892
Family Son of Philip Guille and Ann Mathilda De Carteret Guille
Brother of Lizzie, Helen and Nellie.
Lived Beauregard and La Tour

Killed in action 14th October 1917 aged 25 Whilst attached to the Pioneer Monmouth Regiment repairing roads. Died in an explosion which killed three others, the first of the RGLI men to be killed. Regimental number 470.
Buried Cement House Cemetery, Langemark, 111 F.1.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

HAMON

Cecil John

Born 1890

Family Born in Jersey. Son of John Peter Hamon and Agnes Drillot.
Brother of Alice and Gertrude.
Married Elsie Willey.
Father of John.
Died 1972 aged 82.

Lived La Ville, La Rade and Southview.

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1330.

Received abdominal wounds at Battle of Cambrai.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

HAMON

John (Jeanette)

Born 1896

Family Son of Jean Samuel Hamon and Annie De Carteret.
Brother of Philip, William and Walter.
Husband of Edith Guille. Father of Edie, John (Hero) and Florence.
Grandfather of Pearl, Anita and Leonard.
Bull man at Stocks farm.
Died 1971 aged 74.

Lived Dos Dane and Surprise Cottage.

Private with Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 436. Prisoner of War at Doulieu. Metal plate inserted in his head whilst a POW.

Awarded Discharge Badge.

Member of Sark British Legion.

HAMON

Nicholas Alfred

Born 1896
Family Son of Alfred William Hamon and Jane Helene Guille.
Brother of Henriette and Jane.
Lived La Ville

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1st Battalion 1218.

Killed in action 24th January 1918 aged 22 in a trench raid, part of a German offensive at Passchendale.

No known grave, memorial at Tyne Cot, Panel 161.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

HAMON

Philip

Born 1895

Family Son of John Samuel Hamon and Annie De Carteret.

Brother of John (Jeanette), William and Walter.

Married to Henriette Jane Hamon.

Father of Henriette Jane.

Suffered a serious leg injury whilst out rabbiting, his loaded shotgun was dropped onto rocks and both barrels fired. As a result his lower leg was amputated. He did not embark for France.

Known as 'Pegleg'.

Died 1976 aged 80.

Lived La Ville

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 789.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

HAMON

Philip

Born 1890

Family Son of Jean Hamon and Isabella Susan Guille.
Brother of Florida, Alberta and Jean.

Lived Carrefour, Clos a Jaon and Vale Guernsey.

Enlisted in Royal Navy 1911 for 12 years as Carpenter/Joiner. Served on St Vincent, Cornwall, Vivid and Warspite. Was on HMS Cornwall during the Battle of the Falklands. Was on HMS Warspite during the Battle of Jutland. Described as of 'Very good conduct, 5' 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "', chest 35"', brown eyes and hair and fair complexion.

HAMON

Thomas

Born	1891
Family	Son of Thomas Hamon and Harriet Hamon. Married to Maud Vibert and later Hilda Mary Le Masurier. Occupation Fisherman. Known as Tommy V. Died 1980 aged 88.
Lived	Vaurocque and Tanquerels.

Private Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 866. Part of Reinforcement 1, transferred to France 24th October 1917.
Invalided to England wounded 18th April 1918. Suffered a hand wound.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

HAMON

Walter James

Born 1887

Family Son of Thomas Hamon and Ann Amelia Baker. Stepson of John Henry Carré.
Brother of Thomas, step-brother of Maud, Amelia, Ellen, John, Alice and Edna.
Married Ella Drillot.
Father of Gwen, Hazel and Dorothy.
Occupation fisherman at time of enlisting.
Skipper of Fleet Commodore.
Died 1960 aged 72 in Guernsey.

Lived Le Forge, The Avenue, Beau Vista and The Mermaid.

Member of Sark British Legion.

HAMON

William

Born 1881

Family Son of John Hamon and Suzanne Jane Noel.

Brother of Jean, Mary, Lizzie and Thomas.

Married to Albertha Ann Hamon.

Father of William, Gladys, Cyril, Gerald, Alfred, Jean, George, William and Phillipp.

Died 1951 aged 69

Lived La Rade and Victoria Cottage

Worked at Dixcart Farm at enlistment. Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1872. Part of Reinforcement 5, transferred to France 11th January 1918.

Transferred to England, wounded in left leg, on 17th April 1918.

HUELIN

Charles Auguste

Born 1891
Family Son of Marie Huelin.
Married to Elizabeth Guille.
Died 1954 aged 63.
Lived Dos Dane

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1331. Part of Reinforcement 1, transferred to France 24th October 1917.
Taken prisoner 1st December 1917 in Battle of Cambrai, Minden POW camp. Repatriated to England 28th November 1918.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

HOTTON

John

Born 1886

Family Son of John Hotton and Elizabeth Mary Anne Baker.

Married to Theena Baker.

Died 1974 aged 88 as a result of gangrene related to trench foot suffered in WW1.

Lived Greenfield, Rue Lucas

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 643.

Remained in France with Details Battalion at end of the war.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion.

LE FEUVRE

Adrian Henry Edward

Born 1877

Family Son of Jean Le Feuvre and Betsy De Caudevilles.
Brother of Jean Philip, Philippe, Peter, Adelaide, Ada and Ernest.
Married Mary Guille.
Father of William, James and Adrian Edward (Titch).
Died 1949 aged 72.

Lived Surprise Cottage.

Member of Sark British Legion.

LE FEUVRE

John Philip

Born 1892

Family Son of John Philip Le Feuvre and Lizzie Carterette Hamon.
Brother of James, Edie, Walter, Philip Noel and Thomas.
Married to Julia Guille.
Father of John and May, father in law to Nellie.
Later married to Phyllis Baker.
Seigneurie cowman.
Died 1979 aged 87.

Lived Lived at La Corderie, later at La Moinerie and La Genetiere.

Lance Corporal Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 505.

Wounded 19th March 1918.

Transferred to England, sick, 12th November 1918.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member of Sark British Legion Hon Secretary for fifty one years.

LE FEUVRE

Thomas Phillipe

Born 1896

Family Son of John Philip Le Feuvre and Lizzie Carterette Hamon.
Brother of John Philip, James, Edie, Walter, and Philip Noel.
Married Nellie Guille, later Mabel Hamon and later Irene.
Father of Thomas, Sheila and Doreen.
Died 1990 aged 94 in Guernsey.

Lived La Corderie

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1039.

Transferred to Seaforth Highlanders 5th March 1919

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member Sark British Legion.

LE FEUVRE

Walter James

Born 1893

Family Son of John Philip Le Feuvre and Lizzie Carterette Hamon.
Brother of John Philip, James, Edie, Philip Noel and Thomas.
Married Florence May De Carteret in August 1918 and later Lizzie De Carteret.
Died in Guernsey 1960 aged 72.

Lived La Corderie.

Member Sark British Legion.

MABIRE

William

Born	1895
Family	Son of Joseph and Augustine Mabire, stoneworker in St Peter Port. Brother of Marie and Edward, Blanche, Joseph, Marianne, Anne and Jane.
Lived	St Peter Port

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 502, later Gloucester Regiment 56396.

Taken prisoner on 1st December 1917 at Cambrai. Returned to England with wounds 1st December 1918.

MOLLET

William

Born	1887
Family	Son of William Mollet and Agnes Ann Guille. Husband of Henriette Baker. Father of Ada and Harriet.
Lived	La Genetiere

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1st Battalion 1065. Part of Reinforcement 1, transferred to France 24th October 1917.

Killed in action 1st December 1917 aged 30, during hand to hand fighting at Masnieres, Cambrai.

No known grave, memorial on Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, Panel 13.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

NORMAN WFD

Born

Family Son of Mr and Mrs P Norman

Lived Pleinmont, Torteval Guernsey

We can only assume he was working on Sark at the time of enlisting.

PARKYN

Leslie William

Born	1924
Family	Son of William Fredrick and Ada Katherine Rose Parkyn who worked as cook and gardener at La Manoir. Brother of Ann.
Lived	Chez Nous, Rue Lucas.

Able Seaman on HMS Exeter, joining for her final station to the Far East March in 1941. The Exeter was sunk during the second Battle of The Java Sea on 1st March 1942. He was amongst 714 officers and men picked up by the Japanese and transported to the prisoner of war camp at Macassar on the Island of the Celebes (now known as Sulawesi). Leslie was one of a party of 200 who were subsequently transported to Pamalla on the South East of Celebes on 17th January 1943 to work in a nickel mine. Conditions here were even worse, living in a swamp. Quinine supplies were withheld for five weeks during late July and August 1943. As a result eight men died in early September, Leslie was amongst them, dying on 2nd September 1943 aged 19.

Final burial at Ambon War Cemetery, in Collective Grave 32 A1-13

Remembered by an old school friend on Sark as 'A lovely boy, a real sea-boy'.

Further information can be found in 'No Surrender' by W E Johns and R A Kelly, Pub. Mayflower.

Reports by GT Cooper, Commanding Officer HMS Maidstone October 1945 and Lt Commander DWE Chubb, senior officers at Macassar Camp, National Archive, Kew.

PERRÉE

Charles

Born 1891

Family Son of Charles Perrée and Hepziba Baker.

Brother of Philip.

Husband of Helene Guille. Father of Charles, Philip, Retta and John.

Grandfather of Helen, Lawrence, Elizabeth, Philip, Isabel and Michelle.

Carriage driver in 1947 for HM Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

Died 1961 aged 70.

Lived La Ville and La Tour.

Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1876. Part of Reinforcement 5, transferred to France 11th January 1918.

Remained in France with Details Battalion after the war ended.

Member Sark British Legion.

TOPLIS

Alfred Alexander Dobreé

Born 1892

Family

Son of William Arthur Toplis and Eleanor 'Nellie' Dickinson.

Brother of Isabel Muriel, George Arthur, Roy, Gertrude, Renée, Edie and Marguerite.

Married to Dorothy Coster.

Father of Roy and Donald.

Died 1976 aged 84.

Lived

The Barracks, La Donellerie, St Magloire, Grove Place, Maison Rouge and Shepperton.

East Surrey Regiment commissioned July 1916, later Royal Flying Corps. Returned to Sark in the summer of 1919.

TOPLIS

George Arthur

Born 1896

Family Son of William Arthur Toplis and Eleanor 'Nellie' Dickinson.
Brother of Isabel Muriel, Roy, Alfred Dobreé, Gertrude, Renée, Edie and Marguerite.
Husband of Helen Pickup.
Father of John and Sheila, grandfather of Fiona and Paul.

Lived The Barracks, La Donellerie, St Magloire, Grove Place, Maison Rouge, Clos Bourel

Dorsetshire Regiment, commissioned 2nd Lieutenant 3rd Battalion and posted to India in 1917, returning to Sark late 1919.

TOPLIS

Roy Herrick

Born 1894

Family Son of William Arthur Toplis and Eleanor 'Nellie' Dickinson. Brother of Isabel Muriel, George Arthur, Alfred Dobreé, Gertrude, Renée, Edie and Marguerite.

Lived Maison Rouge

Enlisted with Manchester Regiment, subsequently transferred to Duke of Cambridge Own and Middlesex Regiments PS/2597. Promoted to Corporal.

Killed in action 13th September 1916 aged 22 at Delville Wood during Battle of The Somme.

No known grave, memorial on Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 12D and 13B

Further information from De Ruvignys Roll of Honour entry.

'Went to western Canada in March 1911 to acquire a knowledge of agriculture, but when war broke out was on the point of entering a theological college at Saskatchewan, to study for the church; returned to England and enlisted in the 14th Manchester Regiment 30 Nov. 1914, being promoted L.-Corpl in Dec, after which he was selected for various special courses and became an expert marksman and signaller; transferred to the 16th (Public Schools) Battn, Middlesex Regt in June 1915; but was placed in the 24th Battn; was promoted Corpl. 16th July, and authorized to form a signalling section for that battalion, when he again distinguished himself in another special course of signalling at Tunbridge Wells in Sept, for which he had been selected; transferred to the 23rd Battn. when two NCO's were required to fill a vacancy in that battalion; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 3 May, 1916, and was killed in action at Delville Wood 13 Sept. following, while working under heavy shell fire.

Coy. Quartermaster-Sergt A.V. Barnett wrote: "Your son met his death like the gallant soldier he was, working under terrific heavy fire, and by his heroism and devotion to duty he encouraged his men, and by his example prevented what might have been a serious state of affairs. He was most popular with all ranks here, and his tactfulness, generosity and above all, unfailing cheerfulness and comforting words will be remembered by all.

He was both artistic and musical, possessing also pronounced literary qualities. At an early age he developed a great inventive ability in mechanical construction, which he put into practical use whilst in Western Canada where he originated various time and labour saving appliances for farming operations including a combined plough and harrow, a potato planter and an ingenious device for boring holes for fence posts by horse power to expedite the fixing of fence rails. Up to March 1911 he had never been away from Sark, and had never in his life till then seen either a big steamer or railway train and his first glimpse of the outside world was when his father took him at that time to Liverpool en route for Canada. Yet when but four days out a violent gale broke down the wireless gear of the CPR SS Lake Champlain, he helped the operator to repair the damage and then when a terrible sea was running, fearlessly climbed the mast to place the wire in position and was cheered by all on board for his pluck and daring. After being invited to visit the engine room he astonished the chief engineer by asserting that he could make improvements on the cylinders, and proceeded to illustrate his ideas by means of a sketch, with the result that both the engineer and captain were convinced that his suggestions were really an improvement and easily workable.'

VIBERT

Charles Walter

Born 1885

Family Son of Walter Vibert and Adelina Decaudevilles.

Married Mary Drillot.

Brother of Winter, Edward, Lilian, Lena, Maud, May and Clifford.

Father of Charles.

Died 1974 aged 88.

Lived Rondellerie Lane and Rue Lucas.

Occupation prior to enlisting – fisherman. Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1226. Part of Reinforcement 1, transferring to France 24th October 1917. Remained in France with Details Battalion at the end of the war.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member Sark British Legion.

VIBERT

Edward Roland

Born 1887

Family Son of Walter Vibert and Adelina Decaudevilles.
Brother of Edward, Winter, Lilian, Charles, Maud, May, Lena and Clifford.
Married to Freda Le Masurier.
Previously in Royal Navy.
Died 1962 aged 75.

Lived Rue Lucas and Homestead.

Occupation at time of enlisting – farm labourer. Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 1885. Part of Reinforcement 9, transferred to France 15th March 1918. Facial injury April 1918. Invalided to England sick on 26th August 1918. Awarded a Discharge Badge.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member Sark British Legion.

VIBERT

Winter

Born 1893

Family Son of Walter Vibert and Adelina Decaudevilles.

Brother of Edward, Walter, Lilian, Charles, Clifford, Lena, Maud and May.

Married to Ada Guille.

Father of Mary.

Grandfather of Anita.

Great-grandfather of Gavin, Vanessa and Lorraine.

Died 1980 aged 87.

Lived Rue Lucas, Homestead and La Rendezvous.

Occupation prior to enlisting – fisherman. Private in Royal Guernsey Light Infantry 790. Part of Reinforcement 1, transferred to France 24th October 1917.

Taken prisoner 1st December 1917 at Cambrai, Minden POW camp. Repatriated to England 1st December 1918.

Member of Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Member Sark British Legion.

BROTHERS

Several brothers volunteered in WW1, many more were cousins, the following list cover the brothers. A list of cousins would be too great.

Baker	John	Thomas		
Carré	Hedley	Thomas	Philip	Jean Pierre
Carré	James Stephen	Stephen Alfred		
Carré	Ernest Douglas	John Philip	Philip John	
De Carteret	Nery	Stephen		
Denis	Alfred Jean	John		
Falle	Albert George	Edmund Stanley	Reginald Brett	
Guille	James	John Philip		
Hamon	Jean	Philip		
Le Feuvre	John Philip	Thomas Philip	Walter James	
Toplis	Dobrée	George	Roy	
Vibert	Charles Walter	Edward	Winter	



Left to right

Charles Perree, Billy Mace, Winter Vibert, John Hotton, Charles Heulin, Stephen Carré, Jehanne Bell, Robert Hathaway, Dame Sybil Hathaway, ?, John Le Feuvre, Cecil Hamon (Southview), ?, Charles Vibert, Thomas Hamon (Tommy V), Jean Carré (La Joie), Jeanette Hamon, Philip Guille, John Carré (Blacksmith), Edward Vibert, Harry Bell, John Campbell.

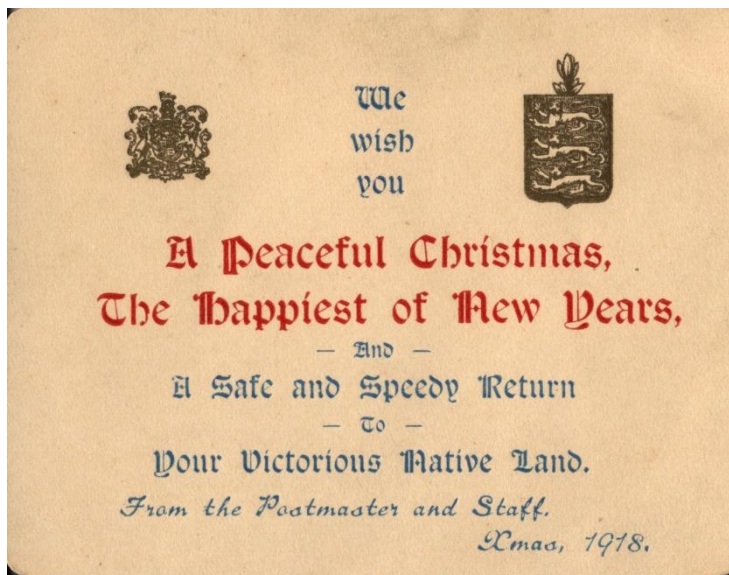
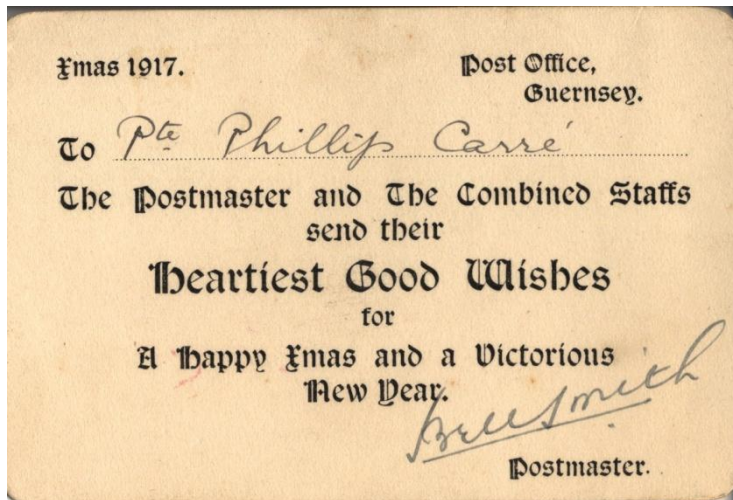
Tom Baker

Elie de Carteret

Helier Carré



Methodist Chapel Sunday School, Clos á Jaon July 3rd 1916



Christmas cards from Guernsey Post Office to Philip Carré, Sark's postman for many years.



Philip Carré, Collenette



Philip Carré Postman



Ernest Douglas Carré



Jack Baker



John Hotton and his wife Theena Baker



Reginald Brett Falle



Elie De Carteret



To our Comrades in Arms who formed the
1st. (Service) Battalion
Royal Guernsey Light Infantry.

THE time has now arrived when we are to be demobilised, when we can lay aside our weapons of offense and once again resume our peaceful avocations.

MAY I express to you on behalf of all Officers our heartfelt thanks and great appreciation for the loyal support you have given to us on all occasions.

YOU have shown that troops strong in *morale* and *esprit-de-corps* will in an emergency rise superior to their opponents, and acquit themselves with credit—(Cambrai, 1917).

WHETHER it was during those long periods of holding the shell-hole area in the Paaschendale Salient, or the operations of the Battle of the Lys, or through those anxious times of the enemy's great offensive, March-July, 1918, you have never failed to maintain by your conduct, the traditions of your forefathers.

IT has been your privilege to furnish guards at the "Chateau" of the Commander-in-Chief as well as at General Headquarters, and to do honour to the Commanders of the Allied Armies.

WE earnestly hope that as the years go by we shall be able to keep in touch with each other; we shall stand together in the future as we have done in the past, and should occasion arise, hold out the right hand of friendship to those who need it.

I WISH, on behalf of all Officers, everyone now in the Battalion, or who has been in it, success and happiness in whatever he may undertake.

A la prochaine,

T. L. de Havilland

Lieut.-Colonel.

Commanding 1st (S) Bn. Royal Guernsey Light Infantry.

FRANCE, May, 1919.

To Mr. Charles Vibert.

Charles Vibert May 1919

Serial no 2051 R. G. L. 1

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Transfer to Reserve
Disembodiment
Demobilization Army Form Z. 21. on Demobilization.

N.B.—Any person finding this Certificate is requested to forward it in an unstamped envelope to the Secretary, War Office, London, S.W. 1.

Regtl. No. 1226 Rank Plt

Names in full Vibert Charles W
(Surname first)

Unit and Regiment or Corps R. P. Grenadier
from which

*Discharged 1
Transferred to Reserve

Enlisted on the 24 February 1917

For R. Grenadier L.I.
(Here state Regiment or Corps to which first appointed)

Also served in.....

Only Regiments or Corps in which the Soldier served since August 4th, 1914, are to be stated. If inapplicable, this space is to be ruled through in ink and initialled.

†Medals and Decorations awarded during present engagement } None authorized prior to 11th November 1918

*Has not served Overseas on Active Service.

Place of Rejoining in case of emergency } Grenadier Medical Category... A

Specialist Military qualifications } Nil Year of birth 1885

He is* Discharged
Transferred to Army Reserve
Disembodied
Demobilized on 1.11 1919

in consequence of Demobilization

Charles W. Vibert Signature and Rank.

Officer i/c..... Records. R. Grenadier (Place).

* Strike out whichever is inapplicable. † The word "Nil" to be inserted when necessary.

WARNING.—If this Certificate is lost a duplicate cannot be issued. You should therefore on no account part with it or forward it by post when applying for a situation.

Charles Vibert Transfer to Reserves 1919



Maseline Quay 1949

From Left Winter Vibert, Billy Mace, Lawrence Roberts, Taffy Evans, ? Tom Hinks, Thomas Hamon, ?, John Hotton, Thomas Baker, Jean Carré (Blacksmith), Philip Carré (Punch), Leonard Bishop, Edward Vibert (in beret), Jean Carré (La Joie), ?, John Le Feuvre



Maseline Quay 1949

From Left Stephen Carré, Philip Carre, ?, ?, Thomas Baker, Jean Carré (Blacksmith), Philip Carré (Punch), Edward Vibert (behind in beret), Leonard Bishop



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From left Taffy Evans (at rear), Jean Carré (La Joie), ?, John Le Feuvre



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From left Mr Chuter Ede, Home Secretary, Dame Sybil Hathaway, Thomas Baker, Jean Carré (Blacksmith), Philip Carré (Punch), Leonard Bishop, Jean Carré (La Joie), ?, John Le Feuvre, Second row Edward Vibert , Taffy Evans



Maseline Quay 1949

From left Winter Vibert, Billy Mace, Lawrence Roberts, Tom Hinks, ?, Jimmy Carré (Mon Petit)



War Memorial Sark ? Remembrance Day 1947

From left ?, ?, ?, ?, Charles Huelin, Jean Carré (Blacksmith), Tom Baker, ?, Dame Sybil Hathaway Philip Carré (Punch), ?



Funeral procession of William Carré (La Marguerite) 1950 with British Legion members and members of The Buffs

From left John Le Feuvre, Philip Guille, Tom Hamon, Jean Carré (Blacksmith) with flag, John Hotton, Charles Huelin, Thomas Baker, John Campbell

Royal Guernsey Light Infantry Enlisted Men in Number Order

Carre	Thomas	133	Baker	Hedley	1328
Carre	Stephen	428	Baker	John	1329
Guille	John Thomas	308	Hamon	John Cecil	1330
Hamon	John	436	Heulin	Charles Auguste	1331
Guille	Philip James	470	Norman	WFD	1342
Mabire	William	502	De Carteret	Stephen	1468
Le Feuvre	John Philip	505	Carre	William	1575
Carre	James Stephen	507	Guille	Peter	1793
Carre	Jean Pierre	613	Hamon	William	1872
Hotton	John	643	Perree	Charles	1876
Hamon	Philip	789	Guille	James	1884
Vibert	Winter	790	Vibert	Edward	1885
Guille	John Philip	847	Carre	William	3685
Carre	Eugene	861	Baker	Alfred	7660
Guille	Philip	863	Carre	Helier	7661
Guille	Charles William	864	Carre	Hedley	7662
Hamon	Thomas	866	De Carteret	Elie	7663
Falle	Edmund Stanley	887			
Le Feuvre	Thomas	1039			
Mollet	William	1065			
Hamon	Nicholas Alfred	1218			
Carre	Jean	1222			
Carre	Jean	1223			
Carre	Philip	1224			
Guille	James	1225			

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Postscript

" When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say, For Their Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today "

Kohima Cemetery Epitaph attributed to John Maxwell Edwards 1875 - 1958