

The Machine Gun Corps

WW1

One of the less well known military connections of the south Kent town of Folkestone is with the Machine Gun Corps.

The MGC was one of the few "war raised" units, having no existence prior to the conflict, and suffered the ignoble fate of disbandment as soon as WW1 was over.

On the outbreak of war in 1914 the British army continued to place its reliance upon cold steel and the rifle; the professional soldier could fire 15 aimed rounds from his Lee Enfield rifle in one minute and, such was the effectiveness of this skill, that during the retreat from Mons the Germans believe that they were coming under machine gun fire.

The army was equipped with the Maxim and Vickers machine guns, but in only limited numbers - far fewer than the Germans. It was in an attempt to rectify this disadvantage that the MGC was formed.

For an organisation that numbered over 100,000 men of all ranks, it is a mystery why so few records exist about the Corps.

It has been suggested that the army "establishment" wanted to quickly forget that the Corps ever existed - it had, after all, taken away from the long established infantry regiments some of the very best and cleverest officers whose skill at arms, in mathematics, trigonometry and calculus would become such an asset in the operation of the Vickers machine guns.

Line regiments were combed for recruits to the Corps, taking the fittest and the best to meet the demand for ever more intelligent young men to man the guns.

It succeeded beyond the wildest dreams of its conception, becoming in two short years a model of ruthless efficiency and operational supremacy.

Little wonder that its demise was looked upon with satisfaction in some quarters. Conveniently, perhaps, all of its operational records, its establishments and regimental orders were totally destroyed in a mysterious fire which took place at the last Headquarters of the Corps, at Shorncliffe, near Folkestone in 1920. Not a single sheet of paper survived and even the partly written history of the Corps was lost. No attempt has been made to put right this omission until recent years.¹

It was during the summer of 2012 that I had the pleasure of escorting Jeanne Brinton around Shorncliffe Military Cemetery; her mission was to photograph and record the graves of WW1 MGC members buried there. Jeanne, a member of the Old Comrades Association of the MGC wrote an article which appeared on *Emma Gee*, the official magazine of the OCA. With thanks to Jeanne and the editor of the magazine, the article is reproduced here:

¹ See http://www.machine-gun-corps-database.co.uk/intro_page.html



SHORNCLIFFE CEMETERY

By Jeanne Brinton²

My escort to the cemetery was helpful and highly knowledgeable. I hadn't realised, I admit, that it was a joint venture with the CWGC. Consequently, it has two distinct faces: the well-kept one and the less so. Guess which is which. It's also on very steep slopes, I came down one on my bottom rather than risk falling. My knowledgeable escort sensibly brought binoculars, so could check the stones without having to walk the full distance. All war graves will be found, I assume, on the Commission's website. (Memo: this 'ole duck can no longer cope with wwwebsites.) None had personal inscriptions below the crucifix.

There were six. I'll start with the member of the Awkward Squad. This is one Pte E N Flynn, 121353, died 1st April 1920. ?Irish? He was the only Cavalry member, the other five were all Infantry. He is buried spectacularly alone, yards from any other graves, I believe so separate by his own request. His site is on a steeply-sided mound, which itself looks like an ancient burial mound. On top is the Belgian memorial, which I understood sank mostly into the ground, a cross and pillar is still visible. The total area is huge, much empty, and some of it wooded.

The others are:

Pte S W Thomson, 154089, died 26 July 1919, aged 20.

L/Cpl R Strangeway, 173927, died 4th December 1919.

Sgt A Williams, 17304, died 20 December 1920.

Pte H G Birks, 7388, died 12th September 1919, aged 22.

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and

Pte G Reid, died 19th August 1918. His stone has weathered more than the others and we were uncertain of his number: it begins 52 and ends in 2. In between there may be 00, but Michael's eyes and my fingers could not discern anything more clearly. It may be Graham can trace this?

Two other interesting points, not MGC related. The present Garrison church, though decommissioned a few years back now, Tim was instrumental in buying it for the local AmDram, is about half a mile from where the original stood. (I had always thought the second was built on the site of the first.) I have somewhere postcards of the original, a "tin" church, like other of that time. Judith - if you use any of this for the Journal, let me know if you need one of these cards?



The other is an interesting line of damaged crosses and stones. Damaged by bullets. A WW2 German pilot strafed the area, and didn't stop shooting when

over the cemetery. Two of the crosses are sheared down to the central iron bar, in one case itself badly corroded. One block headstone has several clear bullet craters.

Thanks to the binoculars, we were through in under two hours, and took a breather at the top, with spectacular views across Hythe Bay. It is a very interesting place, Michael (Michael George full name, author of Coast of Conflict and please credit him if you use any of his photographs) told me he often goes and just sits there. He also conducts tours, as he did for me. While we were there, a ceremony was taking place at the memorial wall, where earlier a mason had been engraving another entry. There were about a dozen people. The wall itself is at the bottom of the valley. This is also where a big ceremony takes place on Canada Day, there are large numbers of Canadian graves. Also, in the non-CWGC section, five graves of Chinese men. Forces wives and children are also buried there. The cemetery is still in use, we passed two graves too recent to have headstones yet.

Michael took photos for me, and has a memory stick on which to put them. If the CWGC has photos already, you'll not need them, just let me know. There is no cubby hole in any wall holding a register, and equally no book which we could sign. I didn't place any memorial crosses, should I do so in future it will likely be at the central memorial cross (well, it's not central, but it's the focal point) and it would be on behalf of the Association. Or, if you or the chairman would like six crosses placed, I can do that.

So there you have it. I enjoyed my afternoon's "work" on behalf of the OCA.



The last unit of the Corps to be disbanded was the Depot at Shorncliffe on the 15th July, 1922. The total number who served in the Corps were some 11,500 officers and 159,000 other ranks, of whom 1,120 officers and 12,671 other ranks were killed, and 2,881 officers and 45,377 other ranks were wounded, missing or prisoners of war.³

The War Memorial

In recognition of the links between Folkestone and the Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry) a War Memorial was unveiled in 1921 in Cherry Garden Avenue. Below is the programme of the ceremony.

³ See

<http://www.wartimememoriesproject.com/greatwar/allied/MachineGunCorps.php#sthash.rtuOFaYx.dpuf>



MACHINE GUN CORPS
(CAVALRY)

War Memorial

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Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry) War Memorial

ORDER OF CEREMONIAL

UNVEILING

By Major-General Sir F. H. SYKES, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G.
(*Controller-General of Civil Aviation*).

Supported by Colonel W. L. OSBORN, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
(*Commanding M.G.C. Depot and Shorncliffe Sub-Area*),

Lieut.-Colonel W. E. LAWRENCE
(*Late Commanding M.G.C. (Cavalry) Training Centre*),

Major E. C. WATSON, O.B.E.
(*Commanding M.G.C. (Cavalry) Depot*),

And The MAYOR AND CORPORATION OF FOLKESTONE.

Dedication

By The Rev. A. DALLAS ENNIS, O.B.E., M.A.
(*Senior Chaplain to the Forces*),

AT

CHERRY GARDEN AVENUE, FOLKESTONE,

On SATURDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1921,
at 2.30 p.m.

Music for the Service will be rendered by the Band of the Machine Gun Corps Depot
under Band Sergeant W. HIGH.

Prior to the Ceremony commencing, a Cornet Solo, "Largo" (*Handel*), will be played.

"LAST POST" and "REVEILLE" by the Trumpeters of the Machine Gun Corps
(Cavalry) Depot.

Singing led by the Choir of the Shorncliffe Garrison Church.

Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the MACHINE GUN CORPS (CAVALRY) Who fell in the Great War, 1914-1919

*Adam, W., Capt., East Kent Yeomanry
Adlington, D., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
Allan, J., Pte., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
Allcoat, H. S., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
Allman, G., Lce.-Cpl., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Amis, W. J., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Ammon, W., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
Anderson, A. C., Pte., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
Andrews, G. L. A., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
Annis, P. J., Cpl., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Anthony, A. G., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
*Arbuthnot, R. G., Lieut., 16th Lancers
Archer, F. J., Lce.-Cpl., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
Armitage, R., Pte., "B" Squadron (Depôt)
Arrol, J. H., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Ashmore, A., Pte., Depôt, Bazrah
Atherton, H. J., Lce.-Cpl., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Avison, A. T., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
Ayling, G., M.M., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Aylwin, A. J., M.M., Sgt., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Bailey, J., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
Baines, S., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
Baker, J. A., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
Baker, W. H., Cpl., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
Ball, C. H., Lieut., Royal Wilts. Yeomanry
Barber, E., M.M., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
✓ Barnes, G., Lce.-Cpl., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
Barrett, J., Pte., Base Depôt, France
Bass, A. S. J., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
Batchelor, J. E., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
Bawden, A. J., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
*Beastall, B. F., Pte.
Beckett, E., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
Beecham, G., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
Beeley, I., Pte., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
Bembridge, C., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
Benham, E., Cpl., A.H.T.D., France
Bennett, A. J., Pte., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
Bennett, B. J., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Bennett, G. H., Pte., 25th Machine Gun Squadron
Betty, F. J., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Bew, W. H., Lce.-Cpl., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Boak, G., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
Bolton, H., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
Boon, J. A., Lce.-Cpl., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
Bowen, E. P., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
Bradshaw, H., Pte., 24th Machine Gun Squadron
Branch, F. S., Pte., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
Brash, R., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Brent, H. A., Lce.-Cpl., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
Brett, C. A., Pte., 10th Machine Gun Squadron
Brierley, A., Lce.-Cpl., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
Briggs, F., Pte., 25th Machine Gun Squadron
Brooks, C. R. P., M.C., Lieut., 3rd Hussars
Brooks, W. J., S/S., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
Brown, C., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
Brown, F. F., 2nd-Lieut., Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry)
Brown, W., Pte., "A" Squadron (Depôt)
Bryan, A. E., Cpl., 16th Machine Gun Squadron

Buckingham, A. W., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
Bugler, H. G., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
Bugler, H. J., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
Bunt, J. H., Pte., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
Burdett, P. C., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
Burgess, J. W., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
Butler, J. A., Lce.-Cpl., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Button, A., Cpl., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
Caiger, P., Lce.-Cpl., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
Cameron, D. A., Lce.-Cpl., 14th Machine Gun Squadron
Campbell, D., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
Candy, R. H. F., Cpl., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
Capel, B., M.M., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
Carmalt, H. T., Pte., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
Carnelley, J. H., Pte., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
Carr, B. O., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
Carr, H. D., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
Carter, J. C., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
Cave, W., Pte., 25th Machine Gun Squadron
Chambers, A. C., D.C.M., Cpl., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
Chambers, F. T., Lce.-Cpl., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
Champkins, M., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
Chaney, T., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Chantry, P., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
Chapple, F., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
Christie, J. G., Pte., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
Christie, W. H., Cpl., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Chudley, T., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
Clack, W. J., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh
Clark, E., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Clark, T. C., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
Clarke, A. L., Cpl., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
Cleaver, F. C. A., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Cocking, A. S., Cpl., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
Cole, H. E., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
Cole, M., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
Coleman, V., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
Collinson, A. E. G., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh
Columbine, H. G., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Comerford, J., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
Comline, E., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
Conboy, G., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Condra, W. H., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Cook, E., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
Cooper, A., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
Corbey, H., Pte., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
Cormack, A., Sgt., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Cornhill, W., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Cornish, L., Lce.-Cpl., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
Corrigan, B., Sldr.-Cpl.
Coster, C. V., Lieut., Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry)
Cotter, J., Cpl., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Cotton, R. C. F., Lieut., Hants. Carabineers (Yeomanry)
Cowan, G. J., Pte., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
Coxall, C. R., Cpl., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
Crawford, H., M.M., Lce.-Cpl., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
*Crawford, K., Capt., Royal Air Force

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Crawford, W. B., Pte., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
 Cripps, H. J., Sgt., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Croad, A. L., S/S., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Cull, J. S., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
 Cull, L., Lieut., 2nd/1st Herts. Yeomanry
 Cunningham, J. F., Pte., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
 Cursley, F. H., Pte., Base, Bazrah
 Curtis, W. H., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh
 Daley, P., S/S., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Daly, P., Sgt., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Daniels, R., Sgt., 24th Machine Gun Squadron
 Dansey, W., Cpl., 14th Machine Gun Squadron
 Davie, F. J., Pte., 14th Machine Gun Squadron
 Davies, D. C., Pte., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
 Davies, G., Lce.-Cpl., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
 Davies, H. C., M.M., S.Q.M.S., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Davies, L. F. St. John, M.C., Major, Norfolk Regiment
 Davies, S. H., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Davies, W., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Davies, W. N., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Dawson, O. T., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Day, H. T., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Deakin, F., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Deluce, W. A., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Denmee, W. F., Pte., "D" Squadron (Depôt)
 Dennithorne, W., Pte., "B" Squadron (Depôt)
 Dolloway, T., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
 Dray, F. R., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Dulton, E. C., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
 Dunkley, L. G., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Dunkley, A. A., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Duross, G., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
 Eaton, G. H., Lieut., 19th Hussars
 Ede, P. R., Sgt., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Edge, H., Lce.-Cpl., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Edmonds, R., Cpl., "C" Squadron
 Edmonston, W. G., Sgt., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
 Edwards, A. H., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Eley, L. W., Pte., "B" Squadron
 Ellery, F. G., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Ellis, H. N., M.C., 2nd-Lieut., Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry)
 Ellison, J., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh
 Elms, F. J., Lce.-Cpl., "B" Squadron
 Evans, R., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Evans, G., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 *Fairbrother, G., Pte.
 Farrell, M., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Farrow, T., Pte., 10th Machine Gun Squadron
 Farthing, E., Lce.-Cpl., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Faye, W., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Fenton, W. H., Pte., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
 Ferrier, C., Pte., 14th Machine Gun Squadron
 Fitzjohn, B. F., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Flux, F. C., Lce.-Cpl., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Foster, G. C., Pte., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
 Foster, S. F., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Fotherby, H., Cpl., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Francis, A. E., Pte., 10th Machine Gun Squadron
 *Franits, F. W., Flt.-Cdt., attd. No. 21 Sqdn., R.A.F.
 *Franks, F. W., Flt.-Cdt., 21st Machine Gun Squadron, attd. Royal Air Force
 Freeman, P. R., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Frost, E. G., Pte., Base Depôt
 Frost, H., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Gallagher, J., Sgt., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Garrett, F. M., Cpl., "C" Squadron (Depôt)
 Gawn, W. C., Pte., Zanzibar
 George, A., Pte., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
 Gething, W. B., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Gibbs, W., Pte., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
 Gibson, H., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Gibson, T. E., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Goldie, H. C., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Gordon, C., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Gosney, E. M., Cpl., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Grant, J. A., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Gray, M., Capt., 2nd Dragoon Guards
 Green, R., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
 Greenbaum, D., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Grellier, J., Pte., Mhow. T.C.
 Grey, H., Pte., "C" Squadron (Depôt)
 Griffiths, E. J. D., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
 Griffiths, W., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh
 Griggs, E. J., Pte., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
 Grove, C. J., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh
 Gulliford, H., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Gunn, P., Pte., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
 *Gunter, C. E., Lieut., 2nd Life Guards
 Haigh, R. B., Sgt., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Hammond, T., Pte., 24th Machine Gun Squadron
 Hands, C., S/S., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Hardy, J., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Hardy, R. M., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Harries, W. C., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Harries, W. F. R., 2nd-Lt., Machine Gun Corps (Cav.)
 Harris, J., Pte., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
 Harrison, L., Pte., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
 Hartley, J. J. D., A/Lt., 7th Dragoon Guards
 Harvey, H., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Hassall, A. H., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Haywood, S., Cpl., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Heathcote, B. L., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
 Heathcote, E., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Hebden, E. S., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Hedderly, F., Lce.-Cpl., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
 Herbert, Hon. E. J. B., Capt., Gloucester Hussars (Ymy.)
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 Hewitt, J., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Hewlett, A. W., Pte., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
 Heyes, A., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Higgs, J. P., Lieut., Queen's Own Oxford Hussars
 Hipwell, J. H., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Hitchcock, C. J., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Hitchcock, W., D.C.M., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Holliday, H. J., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh
 Holt, A., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Hooley, G., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Horlick, G. N., Major, Gloucester Hussars (Ymy.)
 Horwood, F., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Hough, A. R., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Howard, E. J., Sgt., "B" Squadron
 Howard, R. D., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Howarth, S., Pte., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
 Humble, T. L., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Humphreys, W. T., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Hunt, W., Pte., 25th Machine Gun Squadron
 Hunter, E., M.M., Cpl., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
 Hurford, A. F., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Hutchinson, W., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Jackson, E., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Jackson, W., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Jacques, A., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Jacques, R., Pte., 10th Machine Gun Squadron
 Jacques, W. F., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
 James, A., Lieut., 21st Welch Regiment
 James, H., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Jennings, F. E., Sdlr.-Sgt., 18th Machine Gun Sqdn.
 Jiggins, W., Pte., 10th Machine Gun Squadron
 Johnson, E., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Johnson, F. G., Pte., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
 Johnstone, A., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Johnston, J., Pte., Base Depôt
 Jones, G. G. J., Lce.-Cpl., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Jones, R., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Jordan, F., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 *Joughin, T., Pte.

Joyner, C., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Kendall, L. F. W., Lieut., 9th Norfolk Regiment
 Kernick, G. S., Lieut., Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry)
 Kershaw, J., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Keyworth, F., Pte., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
 Killick, A. E., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Knapton, S., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
 Kneale, J. P., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Knight, W., Cpl, 14th Machine Gun Squadron
 Knowles, E., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Labram, G. S., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Lacaita, F. C., Lieut., 17th Lancers
 Lancaster, G. W., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Langston, W. A., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Leafe, F. F., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Leaming, S., Cpl., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Lee, J. H., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Lemon, A. L., Lieut., 6th Dragoon Guards
 Lettingham, A. E., Pte., 13th Machine Gun Squadron
 Levett, A. H., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Lewis E., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Lewis, J., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Little, F. C. S., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
 Linhart, C., Pte., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
 Lipscombe, H., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Liversage, A., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Livingstone, A. D., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 *Livingstone, D., Pte.
 Lloyd, J. A., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Lower, N. E., 2nd Lieut., Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry)
 MacDonald, H., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
 Magee, E. J., Sgt., 14th Machine Gun Squadron
 Marklen, F. M. M., Sgt., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Marriott, A., Lce.-Cpl., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Marsh, F., Lce.-Cpl., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
 Martin, E. F., Pte., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
 Martin, H., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Martin, J., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
 Mayburn, W. A., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Mayor, E. C., Pte., 10th Machine Gun Squadron
 Mays, C. R., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 McAteer, N., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 McCarthy, J., Sgt., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
 McDermott, T., Lce.-Cpl., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 *McIlroy, T. S., Flt.-Cdt., attd. No. 126 Sqdn., R.A.F.
 McLuskie, J., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 McNaughton, J., Pte., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
 Mears, W., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Meech, W. J., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh
 Mellows, S., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Metcalfe, W. H., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Miller, J., Lce.-Cpl., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
 Mills, C., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Milne, L., Cpl., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Mitchell, E., Pte., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
 Mitchell, F., Lce.-Cpl., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 *Mitchell, S. J., Pte.
 Moffatt, A., S/S., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Moralee, T., Lce.-Cpl., 25th Machine Gun Squadron
 Moran, J., Pte., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
 Morbey, T., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Morden, W. H., Cpl., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Morris, T., Pte., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
 Moss, A. A., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh
 Moss, C., Pte., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
 Mountain, T., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Mousley, L., Lce.-Cpl., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Munro, J., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Musson, J., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Neale, H., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Newton, B., Pte., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
 Newton, E., Cpl., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Newton, R., Sgt., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Nicholls, G., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Norman, W. G., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Nutter, J., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Osborne, F. J., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Offer, G., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Osborne, W. C., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Owen, R., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Packham, A., F/Sgt. (Depôt, Home)
 Packwood, C., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Pagett, J. E., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Palmaarts, G., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Pampling, W., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Parkins, A., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Parr, R. T., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Parry, A., Pte., 10th Machine Gun Squadron
 Parsons, E. J., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Parsons, G., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Pearson, J. H., Pte., 26th Machine Gun Squadron
 Perkins, Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 *Perks, F., Pte.
 Perry, W. K., Pte., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
 Pettinger, C., S/S., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
 Phillibrown, S. M., Cpl., 14th Machine Gun Squadron
 Pickbourne, F. E., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Pickering, G. J., Cpl., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Pike, E. R., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Pimlott, A., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Piper, W., Pte., 26th Machine Gun Squadron
 Pitkin, C. H., Sgt., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
 Plater, J., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Porter, J., Pte., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
 Preston, F., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Price, H. A., 2nd-Lieut., 3rd Somerset Light Infantry
 Proctor, J. J., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Puddicombe, W., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Purvis, D., Pte., "A" Squadron (Depôt)
 Radcliffe, P. V. A., Lieut., 5th Yorkshire Regiment
 Ralley, E., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh
 Ramsden, A., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Ratcliffe, F., A/Capt., 1st Royal Dragoons
 Raw, E., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Reading, T., Lce.-Cpl., 14th Machine Gun Squadron
 Redfern, W. J., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
 Reid, J. C., Pte., "A" Squadron
 Reynolds, G. W. H., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Richardson, W. W., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Richins, W. H., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Rigby, R., Pte., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
 Riley, E. A., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron
 Robbins, C. F., 2nd-Lieut., Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry)
 Roberts, W. J., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Robertson, J., Cpl., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
 Robinson, J. S., Lce.-Cpl., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
 Rodgers, C., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Roe, A. H., Pte., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
 Rose, A. W., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
 Samson, H., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
 Sandall, W., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
 Sanderson, J. H., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
 Savage, F., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
 Schooling, W., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
 Scott, J., Lce.-Cpl., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
 Scott, J. R., S/S., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Scott, S., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Scully, S., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
 Sears, A. P., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 *Settle, R. H. N., D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col., 19th Hussars
 Sharp, C. R., Pte., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
 Shephard, J., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Sillitoe, A., S/S., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
 Sims, F. J., Pte., Base Depôt, Mesopotamia
 Sissen, J. F., Lce.-Cpl., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
 Slade, G., Cpl., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
 Slater, J. J., Lce.-Cpl., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
 Smart, A. H., D.C.M., Sgt., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron

Smith, A. C., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron	Turner, A., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
Smith, A. S., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron	Turner, E., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
Smith, J., Lce.-Cpl., 5th Machine Gun Squadron	Turner, J., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
Smith, P. J., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron	Turp, C. W., Cpl., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
Sowden, F., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron	Tydeman, W., Pte., 6th Machine Gun Squadron
Spalding, J. M., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron	Upton, W. G., D.C.M., M.M., Sgt., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
Sparrow, J. C., Sgt., 8th Machine Gun Squadron	Vears, F. W., Pte., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
Speedy, R. C., 2nd-Lieut., Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry)	*Villiers, A. H., Lieut., Lothian & Border Horse (Ymy.)
Spence, R., Pte., 7th Machine Gun Squadron	Wagstaffe, W. F., Cpl., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
Spencer, G., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron	Wakefield, F. M., Lieut., Dorset Yeomanry
Spriggs, S. A., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron	Waldock, J., Pte., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
*Squires, W. F., Pte.	Walker, A. F., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Standley, R. J., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh	Wallace, J. R., Pte., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
Staniland, A., Pte., 20th Machine Gun Squadron	Walsh, M., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
Stansby, R. J., S/S., "B" Squadron	Walton, A. F., Sgt., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
Steel, G., Lce.-Sgt., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron	Warden, H., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron
Steele, J., Pte., 19th Machine Gun Squadron	Watts, H., Pte., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
Sterrett, T., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron	Webber, G. F., Pte., 16th Machine Gun Squadron
Stock, T., S/S., 6th Machine Gun Squadron	Webster, F. T., Sgt., 3rd Machine Gun Squadron
Stoneman, E. J., Pte., 14th Machine Gun Squadron	Weed, W. J., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
Stones, W., Pte., 6th Machine Gun Squadron	Wembridge, J., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron
Story, T. G., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron	West, G., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
Stott, J. H., Sgt., 14th Machine Gun Squadron	Westcott, H. G., S/S., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
Strudwick, J., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron	Westcott, J. H., Lce.-Cpl., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
Sturmey, J. J., Pte., H.T., Osmanieh	Westley, E., Cpl., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
Synott, W. P., 2nd-Lieut., 6th Dragoons	Weston, E. G., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron
Talbot, W. J., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron	Westwood, G., S/S., 25th Machine Gun Squadron
Tanser, R. C., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron	Wheeler, G. H., Lce.-Cpl., 21st Machine Gun Squadron
Taylor, A. R., S/S., 1st Machine Gun Squadron	Whigham, W., Pte., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
Taylor, C. S., Pte., 10th Machine Gun Squadron	White, F., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Taylor, J., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron	White, L. J., Pte., 12th Machine Gun Squadron
Thirkell, E. A., S/S., 19th Machine Gun Squadron	White, O. R., Sgt., 9th Machine Gun Squadron
Thom, J. F., M.C., Capt., Fife and Forfar Yeomanry	White, W., Cpl., 1st Machine Gun Squadron
Thomas, A., Cpl., 4th Machine Gun Squadron	Whiteley, J. W., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Thomas, F. J., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron	Whur, P. S. J., Pte., 15th Machine Gun Squadron
Thompson, D. F., M.M., Pte., 26th Machine Gun Squadron	Wightman, J., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron
Thornbee, C., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron	Wighton, J., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron
Thornton, J. M., Pte., 12th Machine Gun Squadron	Wilkes, J. A., 2nd-Lieut., Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry)
Tillbrook, F., Sgt., 9th Machine Gun Squadron	Williamson, R., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Tillotson, J. W., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron	Wilson, H. J., Pte., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
Tompkins, J. W., Pte., 4th Machine Gun Squadron	Wilson, J. R., Pte., 19th Machine Gun Squadron
Trivett, W. H., Pte., 9th Machine Gun Squadron	Wilson, J. W., Pte., 17th Machine Gun Squadron
Tucker, T., Pte., 11th Machine Gun Squadron	Wisson, W. E., Pte., 14th Machine Gun Squadron
Turnbull, C. T., Pte., 2nd Machine Gun Squadron	Wood, L. R., Pte., 8th Machine Gun Squadron
Turnbull, J. F., Pte., 18th Machine Gun Squadron	Woodley, R., Pte., 5th Machine Gun Squadron

*Not serving with the Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry) at the time of death.

The above list includes the names of those who fell during the operations in Afghanistan (1919), and those who died from the results of War Service up to the end of 1919.

Memorial Service.

*Should the weather be unfavourable the Service will be curtailed.
That part necessary will only be carried out.*

HYMN.

GOD of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath Whose awful Hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget !

The tumult and the shouting dies,
The captains and the kings depart,
Still stands Thine ancient Sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget !

Far-called our navies melt away—
On dune and headland sinks the fire ;
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre !
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget !
Amen.

Then shall be said :

GREATER love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord: He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

THE LESSON: Wisdom iii., 1-10.

BUT the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them and found them worthy of Himself. As gold in the furnace hath He tried them, and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever. They that put their trust in Him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide in Him: for grace and mercy are to His Saints, and He shall care for His elect.

Let us Pray.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, The power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we give Thee humble thanks for the memory and good example of Thy servants of the Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry) who have laid down their lives in the service of our Country. We bless Thee for their courage and devotion; accept their sacrifice, we pray Thee; let it not be in vain that they have died in the cause of righteousness and honour. And as they have come out of great tribulation, grant them, O Lord, that they may be pardoned and cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and received into Thy everlasting mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father, Whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ, did weep at the grave of Lazarus, His friend, look, we beseech Thee, with compassion upon these who are now in sorrow and affliction; comfort them, O Lord, with Thy gracious consolations; make them to know that all things work together for good to them that love Thee; and grant them evermore sure trust and confidence in Thy fatherly care; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN (Part I).

f FOR all the Saints, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confess'd,
Thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever bless'd.

Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, LORD, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.

Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victors' crown of gold.

Alleluia!

Anbeiling Ceremony.

DEDICATION.

"To the Glory of God and in grateful memory of the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry) who gave their lives for King and Country, and in a righteous cause, I dedicate this Memorial. May all who look upon it realise the peace of sins forgiven, the joy of faithful service, and the power of the endless life, to which may God vouchsafe to bring all; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

THE LAST POST.

POSTING OF SENTRIES AT THE MEMORIAL.

HYMN (Part II).

mf O BLEST communion ! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
cr Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia!
p And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
cr And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia!
mf The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
p Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia!
f But lo ! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia!
ff From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST.
Alleluia! Amen.

THE ADDRESS.

By Maj.-Gen. Sir F. H. Sykes, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G.

HYMN.

mf ABIDE with me ; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens ; LORD, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
f Help of the helpless, (*p*) O abide with me.
p Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
mf O Thou Who changest not, (*p*) abide with me.
mf I need Thy presence, every passing hour;
cr What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
f Through cloud and sunshine, LORD, (*p*) abide with me.
f I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
p Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes;
cr Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
f Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, (*p*) in death, O LORD, (*cr*) abide with me.
Amen.

PLACING OF WREATHS ON THE MEMORIAL
by Officers and Representatives of each Machine Gun Squadron and
The Mayor of Folkestone.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

BENEDICTION.

THE "REVEILLE."

SELECTIONS BY THE BAND

("Land of Hope and Glory" "There's Only One England")

MARCH PAST THE MEMORIAL

by Troops representing Shorncliffe Garrison, No. 25 Squadron R.A.F.
234th Kent Howitzer Battery, R.F.A. (Territorial Force),
Folkestone Ex-Service Men's Association, and Fire Brigade.

PLACING OF FLOWERS ON THE MEMORIAL
by the Relatives and Friends of the Fallen.

Squadrons comprising the
Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry)
 and Places of Service during the War.

UNIT.		WHERE SERVED.	
1st	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France, Germany, Home
2nd	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France, Germany, Home
3rd	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France, Home, India
4th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France, Home, India
5th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France, Home, India
6th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France, Home
7th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France
8th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France
9th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France, Germany, Home
10th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France
11th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France
12th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France
13th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France
14th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	France
15th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	Mesopotamia, India
16th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	Mesopotamia
17th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	Egypt
18th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	Egypt
19th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	Egypt
20th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	Egypt
21st	Machine Gun Squadron	-	Egypt
22nd	Machine Gun Squadron	-	India
23rd	Machine Gun Squadron	-	India
24th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	India
25th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	Mesopotamia
26th	Machine Gun Squadron	-	Egypt
"A"	Depôt Squadron -	-	Home
"B"	Depôt Squadron -	-	Home
"C"	Depôt Squadron -	-	Home
"D"	Depôt Squadron -	-	Home

Subsequently, the Memorial was moved and is now located in the Cheriton Road Cemetery.



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