

***MEN FROM COLCHESTER WHO WERE KIA OR WHO DIED OF WOUNDS DURING THE
GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN OF 1915***

NAME	NO/RANK	REGIMENT	DATE OF DEATH	OTHER INFORMATION
MORTON – CECIL EDWARD HOWARD (SEE NOTE BELOW)	CAPTAIN	ROYAL MARINE LIGHT INFANTRY. ADJUTANT PORTSMOUTH BTN., ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION	18 TH MAY 1915 AGED 29	SON OF MR C H MORTON OF HEATH LODGE, LEXDEN, COLCHESTER. REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCHYARD, LEXDEN, COLCHESTER. REPATRIATED TO ENGLAND IN MARCH 1916
CAHILL – WILLIAM ROBERT	4800 CQMS "H2 COY"	1ST BTN., ESSEX REGIMENT	12 TH MAY 1915 AGED 35	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR AT THE ALEXANDRIA (CHATBY) MILITARY AND WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY. HUSBAND OF HARRIET CAHILL OF 69, NORTHGATE STREET, PARK TERRACE, COLCHESER. ALSO SERVED IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.
BARTHOLOMEW – SAMUEL	SGT.,	25 TH BTN., ESSEX REGIMENT	19 TH SEPTEMBER 1915 AGED 40	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR ON THE HELLES MEMORIAL. HUSAND OF MRS M.C. BARTHOLOMEW OF 65, BARRACK STREET, COLCHESTER. SON OF MR. W. BARTHOLOMEW OF 13, GREENS YARD, NORTH HILL, COLCHESTER. BURIED AT SEA.
SADLER – STANLEY ALFRED	345 PRIVATE	5 TH BTN., ESSEX REGIMENT	14 TH AUGUST 1915 AGED 19	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR ON THE HELLES MEMORIAL. SON OF MR & MRS SADLER OF 12, ST HELEN'S LANE, COLCHESTER
FOLKARD – WILLIAM FREDERICK	9429 L/CPL	1ST BTN., ESSEX REGIMENT	2 ND MAY 1915 AGED 26	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR ON THE HELLES MEMORIAL. SON OF MATILDA SHAND (FORMERLY FOLKARD) OF 1A, WINNOCK ROAD, COLCHESTER AND THE LATE SAMUEL FOLKARD
KERR – WILLIAM	10981 BATTERY SERGEANT MAJOR	460 TH BTY., ROYAL FIELD ARTILLIERY	12 TH JULY 1915 AGED 32	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR AT PINK FARM CEMETERY, HELLES, TURKEY. HUSBAND OF LILIAN KATE KERR OF EARL COWPER HOUSE, IPSWICH ROAD, COLCHESTER.

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HAMBLION – WALTER CHARLES	1816 PRIVATE	5 TH BTN., ESSEX REGIMENT	8 TH SEPTEMBER 1915 AGED 18	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR ON THE HELLES MEMORIAL. SON OF CAROLINE HAMBLION OF 57, MALDON ROAD. COLCHESTER AND THE LATE JEREMIAH HAMBLION.
EVERETT – REUBEN WALTER	9199 PRIVATE	1ST BTN., ROYAL MUNSTER FUSILIERS	1ST MAY 1915	REMEMERED WITH HONOUR ON THE HELLES MEMORIAL. SON OF HANNAH EVERETT OF 10, KENDALL TERRACE, MILITARY ROAD, COLCHESTER AND THE LATE GEORGE EVERETT.
WHALL – FREDERICK THOMAS WHALL – RICHARD JAMES	9504 PRIVATE 10874 PRIVATE	1ST BTN., ESSEX REGIMENT 1ST BTN., ESSEX REGIMENT	6 TH AUGUST 1915 AGED 22 6 TH AUGUST 1915 AGED 18	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR ON THE HELLES MEMORIAL. THESE WERE BROTHERS, SONS OF MR & MRS WHALL OF 47, WINNOCK ROAD, COLCHESTER. BOTH WERE KIA ON THE SAME DAY WHILST SERVING IN THE SAME BATTALION AND IN THE SAME REGIMENT
WILLIAMS – WALTER	9278 L/CPL	1ST BTN., ESSEX REGIMENT	2 ND JUNE 1915 AGED 25	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR ON THE HELLES MEMORIAL. SON OF MR & MRS G WILLIAMS OF 102, BERGHOLT ROAD, COLCHESTER.
HOWELL – HENRY	8447 PRIVATE	1ST BTN., ESSEX REGIMENT	6 TH AUGUST 1915 AGED 27	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR ON THE HELLES MEMORIAL, SON OF MRS S. A. EVANS OF 66, HYTHE HILL, COLCHESTER AND THE LATE H. J. HOWELL.
SHEPARD – ALEC JOHN * *	1613 PRIVATE	5 TH BTN., AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY A.I.F.	17 TH NOVEMBER 1915 AGED 19	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR AT SHELL GREEN CEMETERY, GALLIPOLI. SON OF CHARLES & ELIZABETH SHEPARD OF MURCHISON, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. BORN IN COLCHESTER.
FLUX – JACK * * * * *	521 TROOPER	10 TH AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE	7 TH AUGUST 1915 AGED 22	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR AT LONE PINE MEMORIAL. SON OF MR & MRS JAMES FLUX OF 16, MEYRICK CRESCENT, COLCHESTER. BORN IN COLCHESTER AND OLD BOY OF COLCHESTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL .
ABBOTT – CLAUDE WALTER * * * * *	PRIVATE	13, 1ST FIELD AMBULANCE AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS	29 TH MAY 1915 AGED 24	REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR AT BEACH CEMETERY, ANZAC. SON OF MR & MRS W ABBOTT OF THE HOLLIES, ARDLEIGH, COLCHESTER, NAME ON WAR MEMORIAL AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, ARDLEIGH. BORN IN COLCHESTER.

***** CAPTAIN MORTON ROYAL MARINE LIGHT INFANTRY (SERVING WITH THE ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION).** I CAME ACROSS CAPTAIN MORTON IN PETER POTTER'S BOOK "THE REAL LEXDEN HEROES". IN THE BOOK IT STATES THAT CAPTAIN MORTON DIED IN THE DEACONNESS HOSPITAL IN ALEXANDRIA ON MAY 20TH 1915 FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED ON MAY 7TH AT THE DARDENELLES. I LOOKED UP CAPTAIN MORTON ON THE CWGC WEB AND HE IS LISTED AS BEING BURIED IN ST LEONARD'S CHURCHYARD, LEXDEN, COLCHESTER. THERE IS A GRAVE THERE WITH HIS NAME ON IT. THE CHURCHWARDEN, WHO CHECKED THIS OUT FOR ME, DID NOT BELIEVE THAT ANYONE WAS BROUGHT BACK FROM GALLIPOLI TO COLCHESTER, EVEN TO THE HOSPITAL, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST TOO FAR. **BUT, CHRISTINE POTTER, WIFE OF PETER POTTER WHO WROTE THE BOOK, HAS LOOKED UP THE BURIAL REGISTERS AND CAPTAIN MORTON WAS REPATRIATED FROM ALEXANDRIA BY HIS FAMILY, APPARENTLY THEY WERE A VERY WELL KNOWN AND QUITE A WEALTHY FAMILY. ACCORDING TO THE BURIAL REGISTERS HE WAS BURIED IN ST LEONARD'S CHURCHYARD. LEXDEN ON MARCH 7TH 1916.** HIS SON, CAPTAIN CECIL MORTON, WHO WAS BORN 6 MONTHS AFTER HIS FATHER'S DEATH, IS ALSO NAMED ON THE GRAVE. HE WAS KIA DURING WW2 ON 26TH NOVEMBER 1940 WHILST SERVING WITH THE ROYAL WEST KENTS "THE BUFFS". HE IS BURIED IN LIBYA.

HAVE RECEIVED THE SERVICE RECORDS OF ALEX SHEPARD, CLAUDE ABBOTT AND JACK FLUX FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA.

******* I HAVE APPLIED FOR THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF ALEX JOHN SHEPARD, THIS WILL GIVE ME THE ADDRESS OF WHERE HE WAS BORN IN COLCHESTER.

******** CLAUDE ABBOTT WAS BORN AT 24, ST MARY'S ROAD, COLCHESTER IN 1891. HE MOVED WITH HIS FAMILY TO ARDLEIGH IN 1897 WHERE HIS FATHER OPENED A BUTCHERS SHOP. HE WAS KILLED IN "NO MANS LAND" BY SHRAPNEL AFTER VOLUNTEERING TO GO OUT AND HELP A WOUNDED COMRADE. INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY ARDLEIGH HISTORIAN JILL HAMBLIN

********* JACK FLUX IS LISTED ON THE 1911 CENSUS AS BEING A FARM STUDENT AT HANNAMS HALL, WEELEY, ESSEX. HIS FATHER WAS AN ARMY WASHING CONTRACTOR LIVING AT 16, MEYRICK CRESCENT, COLCHESTER. THE HOUSE IS STILL THERE. ALSO SERVED 4 YEARS WITH THE ESSEX YEOMANRY.

ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE COMMEMORATED ON THE ROLLS OF THE FALLEN IN COLCHESTER TOWN HALL, EXCEPT FOR ALEC SHEPARD.

INSCRIPTION ON THE MEMORIAL AT ANZAC COVE BY KEMAL ATATURK

“THOSE HEROES THAT SHED THEIR BLOOD AND LOST THEIR LIVES; YOU ARE NOW LYING IN THE SOIL OF A FRIENDLY COUNTRY, THEREFORE REST IN PEACE. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE JOHNNIES AND THE MEMHETS TO US WHERE THEY LIE SIDE BY SIDE HERE IN THIS COUNTRY OF OURS. YOU, THE MOTHERS WHO SENT THEIR SONS FROM FAR AWAY COUNTRIES, WIPE AWAY YOUR TEARS; YOUR SONS ARE NOW LYING IN OUR BOSOM AND ARE AT PEACE, AFTER HAVING LOST THEIR LIVES ON THIS LAND THEY HAVE BECOME OUR SONS AS WELL”

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