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## **Inspector Robert Butters**

### **Metropolitan Police**

**Former Metropolitan Police Inspector in Mitcham**

**On retirement he moved with his family to Oakdene Road, Brockham from where two of his sons left to join the Army during the First World War and did not return.**

**Robert Butters celebrated his Golden Wedding with his wife Isabella in Brockham  
Tony Hines a local historian for Brockham kindly passed these papers to  
[www.surrey-constabulary.com](http://www.surrey-constabulary.com) in June 2019**



Metropolis, to the *Receiver* for the Metropolitan Police District, relating to the under-mentioned person Pensioned by order of the Secretary of State.

Robert Butters

late a Police Sub Inspector Resigned from this Division

on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1891, with pay to

the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1891, to which day *inclusive*

he\* has been paid, and he is entitled to a Pension of £ 83 ,, 4 ,, -

per Annum, commencing on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1891.

Lucas

*Superintendent.*

Pensioner's Signature - -

Robert Butters



**Private George Albert Butters  
20<sup>th</sup> Corps of Hussars  
Son of Robert killed in action 1917**

## DEATH OF CORPL. GEORGE ALBERT BUTTERS.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Butters, of Oakdene-road, Brookham, have been advised from the Cavalry Record Office at York, that their youngest son, Corpl. George Albert Butters, the Hussars, was killed in action on May 30th. Corpl. Butters, after several years' service in the Army, was for 12 months in the West Sussex Constabulary Force, and was called up immediately on the outbreak of war; he was one of the first to proceed to France, and thus had seen nearly three years of active service at the front. Mr. and Mrs. Butters have received letters of sympathy from the Superintendent of Police at Petworth, from many other police officers, and from numerous friends. 2nd Lieut. Colin K. Davy, the Hussars, to whom the deceased was attached, writes of him in the warmest terms; he stated that Butters and three comrades were sitting in a small shelter, when at 2 a.m. on May 31st, a shell exploded within four yards and killed them all; they were buried with full military honours in a small village cemetery about a mile behind the firing line, and their graves literally covered with flowers. Mr. Butters, who is a retired Inspector of the Metropolitan Police, Mitcham District, has three other sons in the Army, one, Corpl. Frank Henry Butters, in the M.T. Service, and two, Lee-Corpl. Charles Herbert Butters and Sergt. Walter Frederick Butters, both of whom came over with the New Zealand Contingents, the latter

is now a Drill Instructor on Salisbury Plain, and the former, who had previously been wounded when his whole detachment was nearly annihilated, is now on the sick list on Salisbury Plain. A fifth son, John Evison Butters, was called up for examination on Monday last.

Date of Death 30<sup>th</sup> June 1917, age 29

Formerly a PC in the West Sussex Constabulary

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

### BRAVE SURREY MEN FALLEN IN THE WAR.

The close of another year again witnesses the Western World locked in arms. A year ago we ventured to hope that the year 1917 would see the end of the world-war, and that the melancholy duty of publishing a Roll of Honour of brave Surrey men who had nobly sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom would be the last one we should be called upon to undertake. Expectations have been falsified, for reasons that are common knowledge, and the arbitrament of the fate of the world by arms proceeds with unrelenting vigour. Still further sacrifices are called for, but we may cherish the hope that the advent of the American Army in the field will give the Allies such a preponderance of strength as to force the military dictators of Prussia to their knees. In the meantime we present a list of brave Surrey men—many of them well-known and honoured in our midst—who have fallen on the battlefield during the past year. It is a striking list eloquent in its mute tribute to the invincible courage of our race whose proud tradi-

courage of our race whose proud traditions these gallant men have nobly upheld. It will be read with sympathy for those who have mourned the absence of loved ones at this season of the year. A record such as this should make us all the more determined and un-wavering in our purpose that these sacrifices shall not have been made in vain. We owe it to these men, who, with dauntless courage, intrepid resolve, and unflinching bravery, have given their lives, to see that the freedom of this land and of the smaller nationalities shall be secured, and that they shall in the future be immune from the horrors and martyrdom which populations in vast devastated tracts of land have suffered at the hands of a cruel and relentless foe.

The list which we present has been compiled from the names that have been recorded in our columns during the past year. Every care has been taken to ensure that it shall be as complete as possible. Unless otherwise stated the gallant men whose names are recorded were killed in action. Cases of presumed death, unless confirmed subsequently by official information, are not included in the list, which is another notable monument of the great part Surrey has played in the greatest of all wars.

#### BEIGATE AND DISTRICT.

JANUARY

Reigate; killed leading his men in action, June 7th.

**SAINT**, Sec. Lieut. James Harcourt, R.E., youngest son of Mrs. Hesse and step-son of Mr. Hesse, Hillside, Charlwood; June 3rd-4th, aged 25.

**ARNOLD**, Corpl. Fredk. William, Australian Contingent, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Arnold, Root Hill, **Brockham**; emigrated to Australia in 1911.

**BUCKLAND**, Lce.-Corpl. A. F., Royal West Surrey Regt., son of Mrs. F. Buckland, Tandridge; May 12th, aged 19.

**BAYFIELD**, Sapper Basil H., R.E., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bayfield, 34, Endsleigh-road, South Merstham, died of wounds, June 15th, aged 24.

**BENNETT**, Driver Roland Walter (Rollie), Australian Imperial Horse, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bennett, Hooley, Chipstead, died of wounds at a general hospital in France, June 22nd, aged 26.

**BUTTERS**, Corpl. George Albert, attd. Hussars, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Butters, Oakdene-road, **Brockham**; killed by shell, May 31st.

**BINGHAM**, Pte. Charles Sidney, M.G.C., of Church-road, Horley, died of wounds received on April 26th; left widow and little daughter.

**BRYANT**, Pte. W., Royal Fusiliers, eldest son of Mrs. Bryant, Nutley lane

was in Australia when war broke out, took part in Gallipoli campaign and proceeded to France; April 11th.

**THRUPP**, Lieut. Maurice, Grenadier Guards, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Thrupp, "Claremont," Woodlands-rd., Redhill; July 31st, aged 25.

**WELLER**, Captain Charles, R.A.M.C., only son of Mr. Charles Weller, High-Street, Redhill; August 15th, aged 35.

**BOXALL**, Corpl. Benjamin, Royal West Surrey Regiment, youngest son of Mr. William Boxall, Middle-street, **Brockham**; July 17th (youngest of seven sons who enlisted, and sixth son to enlist voluntarily, the father receiving a congratulatory letter from the King); aged 19.

**CHALWIN**, Sig. W. Randall, R.F.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chalwin, "Royal Oak" Hotel, Redhill, married shortly before enlistment, in March, 1916, a well-known Redhill artist; died of wounds July 10th (same day that Lce.-Corpl. Bert Sargent, another well known local artist, was killed).

**CHIDLEY**, Pte. Alfred Percy C., Duke of Cornwall's L.I., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Chidley, 44, High-st., Redhill; died of wounds in France, August 14th, aged 24.

**DAVIES**, Pte. Cecil Edward, London Regiment, son of Mr. Davies, 57a, Cromwell-road, Redhill; died of wounds

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COMPREHENSIVE REPORT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

Army Form W. 3372.

COMMUNE VENDHUILLE REPORT No. 2

SCHEDULE No. 33c  
THIRD. A. S. No. E/4203

PLACE OF BURIAL **Surrey Mirror Friday 28 December 1917**  
UNICORN BRITISH CEMETERY

All documents certified complete and correct.

Map Reference 62c.F.11.c.2.9.

Major.

The following are buried here:— Cancels reports as stated on Schedule No.1.

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U. d.	Plot, Row and Grave
	PLOT .2.	ROW				
6/ROYAL IRISH REGT.		STOVIN	2/LT. J. T.	28.1.18	(643) ALLN.	Gr. 14
3/K.O. HUSSARS	18840	THORN	PTE. W. H.	23.5.17	CROSSES	15
2/LEINSTERS	5515	BEASON	PTE. F.	5.2.15	ERECTED	16
QUEENS O. OXFORD HUSSARS	285510	JENNINGS	LCP. H. H.	22.6.17		17
1/5 GLOSTERS	203655	FUDSE	PTE. V.	15.4.17		18
20/HUSSARS	55261	BUTTERS	PTE. G. A.	30.5.17	Rd/38162	19
2/LEINSTER REGT.	10347	LAMBE	PTE. P.	5.2.18		20

CORPS OF HUSSARS, \_\_\_\_\_ REGIMENT OR CORPS \_\_\_\_\_

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders 266 & 361. of 1919. Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_

On 11/11/18 or on becoming non-effective	NAME	Unit previously served with. Regt. No. and rank in same as entry into theatre of war	Theatre of war in which served								Clasp awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations (a) Presented (b) Dispatched by Post (c) Taken into Stock	REMARKS
			From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To			
5261. X	Butlers, George A.	20 Hrs. Pte. 55261	X										K. in A. 30.5.17.
36051. X	Butterworth, George	7 Hrs. Pte. 31021											SERVING.
6790. X	Butterworth, James	20 Hrs. Pte. 4190	X										See B.A.R. 15.3.19.
327187. X	Butterworth, Lawrence	1/1 Berks Y. Pte. 2786											Disc. 27.7.19.
30711. X	Buttery, Charles E.	Lines Yeo. Pte. 1489											Disc. 20.4.19.

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Re-burials).

6/139.

BURIAL RETURN.

8th. Labour Coy:  
19. Aug. 1919.

Name of Cemetery of Re-burial Unicorn Cemetery, 62c. E. 11. a. 6. 0.

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was Cross on Grave?	Regimental particulars.	Means of Identification.	Were any effects forwarded to Base?
2.	F.	15.	F.15.b.4.8.	Yes.	18840. Pte. W. THORN. 3/K.O. Hussars.	G.R.U. CROSS.	-
2.	F.	16.	- do -	"	5515. Pte. F. BEASON. 2/Leinster Rgt.	- do -	-
2.	F.	17.	- do -	"	285510. I./Cpl. H. H. JENNINGS. 2/Q. O. Hussars.	- do -	-
2.	F.	18.	- do -	"	203655. Pte. V. PUDSE. 1/5. Glouc. Rgt.	- do -	-
2.	F.	19.	- do -	"	35261. Pte. G. BUTTERS. 20th. Hussars.	- do -	-
2.	F.	20.	- do -	"	10357. Pte. LAMB. P. 2/Leinsters.	- do -	-

(Sgd) J. Cooke, Lieut.  
Cmndg, 83rd Labour Co.

Record No.	Registry No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Rank, No.	Date and Place of Death	CREDITS			CHARGES			Date of Authority	To whom Authorized	Amount Authorized			No. of List in which advertised		
					Account and Date	£	s.	d.	£	s.			d.	Account and Date	£		s.	d.
477731	216342	Brough Frederick	25th Bn Coy 2199	15.4.17 France	York 6/17	2	6	3	2	6	3	no. 91	30.7.17	Sale Leg. W. Annie Registry	2	6	3	
						3	10	-					21/11/17	Sale Leg. Annie Registry	3	10	0	
477732	216341	Butters George Albert	20th Hussars No 5261	30.5.17 France	York 6/17	7	2	9	7	2	9	no 717	20.7.17	Sale Leg. Robert	7	2	9	
						16							21-10-17	Sale Leg. Robert	16	-	-	