

## **11<sup>th</sup> (SERVICE) BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT**

### **FATALITIES 1918 TO 1919**

#### **COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION, NEW BRITISH CEMETERY - MURMANSK**

##### **13- 10-1918**

**Black** Neville Victor, Private

Age 21, G/36679, Petsamo, Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery

According to a website listing of all casualties in North Russia he enlisted in Dover. His family had lived in Tower Hamlets Road, Dover and there is a picture of him in Scout uniform as a teenager on the Dover Memorial website. Prior to joining the Royal Sussex he had been No 27839, Private in the Middlesex Regiment. He is on the Roll of Honour of St Mary's, Dover.

He died of Pneumonia and was buried at Petsamo; this is an alternative name for Pechenga. It seems likely that he was in the half of the Battalion stationed at Pechenga and was buried in a local churchyard. He is commemorated on the CWGC memorial at Murmansk.

##### **21-10-1918**

**Bentley** Peter, Private

Age 23, G/37011, Kandalaksha Burial Ground

According to a website listing of all casualties in North Russia he enlisted in Wolverhampton. From a different source his address is listed as Newport Street, Brewood, Staffordshire.

Although originally buried in Kandalaksha, he is commemorated on the CWGC memorial at Murmansk.

##### **21-10-1918**

**Johnson** Christopher M, Private

Age 19, G/34477, Kandalaksha Burial Ground

He was born in 1900 in Kensington, the son of Harry A. Johnson and Jane Johnson and is shown in the 1901 Census aged 2. The family remained at this address and in 1911 he is shown aged 12 when that part of Kensington had become part of Paddington. His parents died in 1931 (Harry) and 1928 (Jane) and are buried in Southend-on-Sea cemetery (Suttons Road). Their gravestone has on it an inscription to their son Christopher M Johnson, Killed in Action – 1918.

Although originally buried in Kandalaksha, he is commemorated on the CWGC memorial at Murmansk.

## **21-10-1918**

**Moull** William Francis, Private

Age 26, L /11844, Kandalaksha Burial Ground

The Brighton War Memorial carries the name F Moulls and a footnote saying that he is believed to be a WF Moull, (11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Sussex) from Dorchester. This is indeed the case and his is commemorated on the Dorchester War memorial. On 7<sup>th</sup> October 1917 a wedding was conducted by the Rev Bartelot at St George's Church Fordington. The groom was a young Lance Corporal of the East Surrey Regiment named William Moull who hailed from London. Standing next to him at the alter was Alice James, the daughter of Nandelow and Matilda James of 16 Shorts Lane, off Mill Street. William first set foot in France on 19 January 1915 with the East Surreys and at some stage transferred to the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Sussex with whom he fought on the Western Front in 1918.

He was Killed in Action. Although originally buried in Kandalaksha, he is commemorated on the CWGC memorial at Murmansk.

Moull, whose Service number indicates that he was a Regular enlistment, has a medal record showing that he was awarded all 3 medals of the Great War trio.

## **21-10-1918**

**Perry** Walter, Private

Age 24, G/36872, Kandalaksha Burial Ground

According to a website listing of all casualties in North Russia he enlisted in Tottenham, North London. He had lived in Waltham Abbey.

Although originally buried in Kandalaksha, he is commemorated on the CWGC memorial at Murmansk.

## **21-10-1918**

**Smith** William Seth, Private

Age --, G/36994, Kandalaksha Burial Ground

According to a website listing of all casualties in North Russia he enlisted in Wolverhampton in 1918. He had lived in Smethwick, Staffordshire.

Although originally buried in Kandalaksha, he is commemorated on the CWGC memorial at Murmansk.

The Royal Sussex war memorial shows Moull as KIA and buried Kandalaksha; the gravestone in Southend-on-Sea shows Johnson as KIA. Therefore, it is not unreasonable to assume that since all 5 deaths occurred on this day that KIA applies to them all. Indeed, in cable to the War Office the GOC, General Maynard, refers to the Bolsheviks ambushing a train 40 miles North of Kandalaksha on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1918 resulting in 20 casualties to the Royal Sussex..

### **23 -10-1918**

**Danby** Frederick William Leopold, Private  
Age 23, G/36848, Murmansk.

He came from 18 Beach Road, Clacton-on Sea, and had enlisted at either Bottisham, Cambs or Biggleswade.

He is commemorated on the Tadlow War memorial.

According to CWGC records he died of burns whilst a member of "B" Company, the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Sussex.

He was buried at Murmansk and is commemorated by the CWGC in their Murmansk cemetery.

### **08 -05- 1919**

**Langford** Henry, Private  
Age 28, G/36291, Kandalaksha Burial Ground  
Born 1891 in Battersea, Surrey.

Died of burns at Kandalaksha

Although originally buried in Kandalaksha, he is commemorated on the CWGC memorial at Murmansk.

### **11-05 -1919**

**Mardell** Charles Frederick, Private  
Age --, G/35888, Kandalaksha Burial Ground  
According to a website listing of all casualties in North Russia he enlisted in Harringey, Middlesex.

Died of suspected Typhoid at Kandalaksha

Although originally buried in Kandalaksha, he is commemorated on the CWGC memorial at Murmansk.

The deaths of Privates Langford and Mardell are the only ones that get a mention in the War Diary of the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion. This is after the two halves of the Battalion have been reunited in Kandalaksha

This information has been researched by Mr Neil R Martin, from some information coming from the <http://www.cwgc.org/> .