

The Servicemen buried in Bapchild Churchyard

There are two servicemen of world war one buried in Bapchild cemetery. Ironically both of these servicemen are men of Murston and not Bapchild and I have not been able to establish why they are buried here and not in Murston. Either way the graves are well looked after as is the churchyard as a whole.



Sgt Lewis James Shilling 37326 of the Canadian Army Service Corps died aged 41 on 11th January 1919. Shilling was born in Murston, and had moved to Ontario in Canada where his wife resided. Shilling had been awarded the MSM- Meritous Service Medal. His service papers are no available, but he is likely to have emigrated in the first decade of the century when many local men emigrated to find a new life. Many returned to fight for the land of their birth and died in the process.
Rest in Peace Lewis



Private E. Revell of the Bedfordshire Regt. According to the records he served abroad as 45792, he then transferred to the Regt Depot and sent to the Eastern Command Labour Centre. These were men of a lower medical category, poss because of wounds or a physical disability. Revell died 27th October 1918 aged 25, probably due to the flu epidemic. Revell was a man of Murston whose parents lived in Home view Murston, he had several brothers serving at that address. His Wife lived at Meres Court, Murston. I knew that well as my grandparents worked on the farm there, and spent many a summer and weekend there.
Rest in peace.



Also in the cemetery there is a reference to a WW2 casualty. There is a memorial stone to Rifleman Alfred Daniel Henry Fisher 6921301 1st Bttn Rifle Brigade who died of wounds 1st April 1945 during the advance into Germany. He is buried in Reichwald Forest Cemetery, Germany. He was the son of Son of Alfred Thomas Fisher and Annie Louisa Fisher, of Teynham, Kent.