

**THE DOVER WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT
A FURTHER AMALGAMATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT
ALFRED THOMAS EAVES**

FAMILY

**St Leonard's Church, Deal
Registers**

Marriages

Alfred Oliver Eaves, father William, a gardener, married Cordelia Davis, father Thomas, a brickmaker, on 4 March 1881

Alfred Thomas Eaves, father Alfred Oliver, a brickmaker, married Daisy Love, father Thomas, deceased, on 2 June 1914. Tommy was then living at Cold Blow, Great Mongeham. One of the witnesses to the marriage was Tommy's brother, Harry

Baptisms – children of Alfred, a brickmaker, and Cordelia Eaves of Mill Road, Deal

Katie on 29 May 1882

died 29 May 1882 at 4 Mill Cottages, aged 12 days, buried on 2 June 1882

Kathleen Maud on 26 August 1883

died 24 November 1884, aged 16 months, buried on 29 November 1884

Alfred Thomas born 3 June 1885

Harry, born 8 September 1887, on 30 October 1887

Doris Gwendoline, born 13 August 1890, on 28 September 1890

Norah Irene on 29 November 1891

died aged 5 months, buried on 1 March 1892

Marjorie Phyllis on 6 August 1893

died aged 5 months, buried on 7 December 1893

Arthur on 5 July 1895

died aged 3 months, buried on 1 September 1896

notes- death dates from Deal, Walmer, and Sandwich Mercury, birth dates from school admission records

Hamilton Road Cemetery, Deal

the infant children are buried at Hamilton Road, Deal, grave reference FJ19 (close to the grave with a headstone for John Newton, died December 1879)



Mr and Mrs Eaves are buried in the same grave a different section, to the left of the chapel, next to the headstone for "Dad 1925, Bill 1928, Mum 1942"

Alfred Oliver Eaves was buried on 14 July 1925, age 62
he died at Coldblow, Mongeham on 14 July 1925, a brickfield foreman
Cordelia Eaves was buried on 29 January 1938, aged 75



Pike's Blue Book Street Indexes (at Deal Library)

Alfred Oliver Eaves was living between 1885 and 1896 and in 1903 at Mill Road, Deal,
just before Claremont Terrace

Births, Marriages, Deaths Registers

Doris Gwendoline Eaves married Harry Dawkins on 17 February 1909, West Ashford
registration district

in the 1911 census they were living in the Blean, Kent, area; Harry born approx 1884
(probably 1883 in the Canterbury area)

noted are that two children of the marriage have died
possibly three children surviving infancy:

Ronald Alfred Dawkins, born 31 October 1911, Blean area, christened 11 Feb
1912 at St Leonard's Deal

the family were then living at 1 Oxford Street, Whitstable, with Mr
Dawkins working in insurance
Vera P Dawkins, born 24 February 1913, Thanet area
Gladys E Dawkins, born 1917, Thanet area

Service Record of Harry Dawkins

No. - 5985
Rank - Staff Sergeant
Regiment - Royal Army Veterinary Corps.
Enlisted – 5 April 1915
Promoted Staff Sergeant - 5 July 1916
To England for Demob – Havre – 16 April 1919
Home address - “Ellandine” Upper Walmer, Deal, Kent

Births, Marriages, Deaths Registers

Harry Eaves married Annie L. Pilcher, Maidstone area, 1912
possibly one child, Tommy Dennison Eaves, born 1917, died 1981 in Dover, lived at 9a
Metropole Buildings, Dover, in 1969 – between Market Square and New Street

EDUCATION

East Kent Archives – Deal Parochial School

C/ES112/1/2/5 – Admission Register for Girls 1893 – 1910 (1915) Indexed

entry 217: admitted 6 June 1898, Doris Eaves, born 13 August 1890, daughter of
Alfred of 1 Mill Road, left 4 September 1899 to live at Birchington

C/ES112/1/2/7 – Admission Register for Boys 1867-1899 Indexed

entry 1163: admitted 19 June 1892, Thomas Eaves, born 3 June 1885, son of Alfred
Eaves, Mill Road
dates of presentation of successive standards – 6/92, 6/93, 6/94
entry 1290: admitted 2 July 1994, Harry Eaves, born 8 September 1887, son of Alfred
Eaves, Mill Road
dates of presentation of successive standards – 6/94

C/ES112/1/1/6 School Log book – Boys – 1898-1918

p31 1899-1900 26 June. Probationer T Eaves very late at early lessons
p33 Report of HM Inspectors for the Boys' School
A T Eaves is recognised under Article 33 of the Code
the name of L P Buss, Pupil Teacher, has been removed from the register
A T Eaves passed
p49 1900-1901 2-6 July. T Eaves, Monitor, absent from lessons on Friday morning

p50 20 July. A T Eaves is continued under Article 33 of the Code

p51 Staff – A T Eaves Candidate under Article 33

p54 T Eaves, Candidate, absent this week. Cause

1901 3 – 8 By doctor's wish T Eaves has been absent and excused private studies all week

p72 1901 18 November. Pupil Teacher Eaves was absent from lessons this morning and at nine o'clock I had a note from his mother to say she was keeping him at home to cure his cold

19 November. Pupil Teacher Eaves again absent

20 November. Pupil Teacher Eaves returned to duty this morning. He was present at lessons at 7.45am.

p74 December. Staff of School T Eaves, PT (see list on p67)

p78 1902 28 January. Pupil Teacher Eaves absent from duty with a cold

29 January PT Eaves still absent

30 January T Eaves returned to duty today

1902 10 March. PT Eaves was absent from school today ill

11 March. PT Eaves again absent

12 March . PT Eaves still absent from duty

13 March. PT Eaves absent from duty

14 March. PT Eaves absent

17 March. PT Eaves has returned to duty

1902 6 May. As the Pupil Teacher is absent this afternoon, Wednesday's lessons will be taken (sic)

p96 1902 10 July. Report T Eaves will be admitted for two years from 1 July 1902 on receipt of a satisfactory medical certificate on the enclosed form.

Staff of Boys' School – Thomas Eaves PT 1st year

p110 8 December. PT Eaves was absent from lessons this morning nor was he present at nine o'clock. Consequently I went to see why he was absent from duty and was informed he was not well

9 December. T Eaves returned to duty

p130 1903 8 June. PT Eaves will help with the first class for a time

p134 1903 6 July. Staff of Boys' School – Thos Eaves Pupil Teacher

15 July. Thomas Eaves is absent (by permission) this afternoon to attend a Sunday School treat

p143 1903 23 November. Shall give PT Eaves his quarterly examination during the present week

p147 1904 13 January. It has been decided to send the Pupil Teachers to the day PT Centre. Scholarship candidates will go on Monday and Thursday mornings and candidates on Monday and Friday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. T Eaves will therefore be absent from school on Monday and Thursday morning and H Trim and H Eaves on the other three half days named above. The managers have (subject to the consent of the Deal Education Committee appointed H Eaves as candidate

p151 1904 4 March. The Deal Education Committee have sanctioned the appointment of Harry Eaves as Candidate in this school

p152 17 March. PT Eaves was absent from duty with a bad cold this afternoon

18 March. PT Eaves still absent

21 March. PT Eaves returned to duty this afternoon

p152 1904 25 March. The candidates H Eaves and H Trim having spent all day Wednesday last at the PT Centre will not go to lessons this afternoon

p153 28 March. Have received notice that Pupil Teacher Eaves is suffering from pneumonia and consequently is unable to be at school

p168 1904 5 September. I am to enquire the exact date of H Trim's and H Eaves birth

p169 1905 5 September. Staff of Boys' School – Thomas Eaves Pupil Teacher, Harry Eaves Monitor

p170 1904 13 September. In consequence of the new arrangements at the Dover Pupil Teacher Centre the teachers T Eaves, H Eaves and H Trim will go to lessons on half of each day

p172 1904 6 October. Pupil Teacher Eaves absent from duty today

p173 10 October. Pupil Teacher Eaves returned to duty today

p174. Inspection 28 October. The Pupil Teachers are absent at the PT Centre half their time. Progress is not as great as it would be if Staff were sufficient. The school lacks one assistant and the Pupil Teachers etc as above

p176 1904 14 November. Have received notice that Monitor H Eaves is not well enough to attend school today

16 November. Monitor H Eaves returned to duty today

p179 1904 12 December. Thomas Eaves is absent this day and will be during the remainder of the week. He is taking the scholarship examinations

p180 1904 16 December. T Eaves has been absent at the scholarship examinations all the week

19 December. T Eaves returned to duty today

p182 1905 10 January. Owing to the fresh arrangement of the Kent Education Committee PTs will no longer go to the Dover PT Centre but to Sandwich Grammar School. Harry Eaves and Henry Trim (candidates in this school) will consequently go to Sandwich at the commencement of the term

21 January. As they will go full time for a year and the school will be deprived of their services, the Managers have decided to request the Education Committee to grant an additional assistant in the Boys' School

p183 1905 23 January. The monitors H Eaves and H Trim have started work at Sandwich

p185 1905 24 February. Thomas Eaves, lately Pupil Teacher in this school, is notified that he has passed the Scholarship exam in the 3rd Division of part I

p198 1905 28 June. Staff of school – Harry Eaves P (at present at Sandwich Grammar School)

p201 1905 4 August. Had the two pupil teachers H Trim and H Eaves at school during the past two days

p203 1905 27 September. Harry Eaves (PT) gave a criticism lesson in history this afternoon.

p212 1906 11 January. Pupil Teacher H Eaves is absent again today attending as a witness in a case of reckless driving by a motorist.

18 January. The Pupil Teachers have gone to Sandwich Grammar School. They will continue to attend until Easter 1907, consequently they will be absent from school during that time

p245 1907 7 January. The pupil teachers have returned to work at the school and have left the Grammar School

p247 1907 20 February. The Pupil Teachers H Eaves and H Trim have been notified that they have been unsuccessful in the Cambridge Local Senior examinations. This of course prevents their recognition as Assistant Masters under Art O I at the completion of their apprenticeship

p248 26 February. The Pupil Teachers have received notice that they are to attend Sandwich Grammar on Saturday mornings during the present term and every day next term, and again take the Cambridge local examinations in July

p251 1907 20 March. The 2 pupil teachers have today gone to Sandwich Grammar School. It is now decided by the authorities that they shall take the Oxford senior instead of the Cambridge senior local examinations in July

p258 1907 3 June. Staff of school, Harry Eaves, pupil teacher

p313 1909 31 May. (Harry not on the list of staff)

DAISY EAVES

Pike's Blue Book Street Indexes (at Dover Library)

from 1915 Mrs Eaves was living at 196 Folkestone Road (in the 1934-5 edition this was known as "St John"). Also there in 1918 was Mrs Emmeline Brooks, Daisy's mother, who died at no 196 on 21 December 1932. She is buried at Deal

from 1936-7 Mrs Eaves was living at 425 Folkestone Road. The last directory available was for 1971, when Mrs Eaves is still recorded at that address
in 1937 she had a telephone installed – no 149.

1911 census

Daisy was living with her mother, Emmeline, and stepfather, Frank Brooks, at 11 Park Street, Deal. Also there was her brother Lewis, who was to die in the Great War on 23 March 1918.

Work

Daisy continued teaching at the school in her husband's place. She retired from the Girls' and Infants' section in August 1948. In 1940 she was still working in the Boys' section. There are various mentions in the local papers of her at sports days, recording results. She also may have been on the PCC of St Martin's Church, Dover.

Death

Daisy died on 20 September 1971 in hospital. Here remains were cremated at Barham crematorium and her ashes scattered under the main lime tree (below)



TOMMY'S DEATH

The Deal, Walmer, and Sandwich Mercury – 21 October 1916

PRO PATRIA.


LIEUT. A. T. EAVES.

We regret to learn that Lieut. Alfred Thomas Eaves, attached West Surreys, was killed in action on the 7th inst. The information was conveyed to his wife at Dover in a letter from one of the officers of the regiment on Tuesday, and was confirmed by a report from the War Office on the following day. Lieut. Eaves was the eldest son of Mr. Alfred Oliver Eaves, of Ellandene, Coldblow Crossing, Upper Walmer, and was 31 years of age. The family formerly lived at Deal, and the deceased officer was educated at the Parochial Schools, Deal, where he served his time as a pupil teacher, afterwards filling an appointment as assistant master at the Central Schools. He subsequently went to St. John's College, Battersea, and was for two years an assistant master in a London school. He became an Associate of the College of Preceptors. In 1908 he was appointed assistant master at St. Martin's School, Dover. Shortly after the outbreak of war he joined the East Surrey Regt., in which he obtained a commission, Mrs. Eaves taking over his duties at Dover. Last May he went on active service and was attached to the Royal West Surreys. About ten weeks later he was buried for three-quarters of an hour and remained for three weeks in hospital in France suffering from shell shock. He returned to his duties and remained on active service ever since. The officer who conveyed the sad news of Lieut. Eaves' death stated that while consolidating a position that had just been taken the deceased officer was urging his men to dig themselves in as quickly as possible, regardless of the danger to which he himself was exposed, when he was struck on the head with a shell. The body was recovered, and on the 9th, two days after his death, he was buried, the officer referred to, Lieut. Ellis, reading the Burial Service.

Lieut. Eaves had always written home very cheerfully, though the loss of his colonel, wounded, and of his captain, who was blown to pieces, which caused considerable responsibility to devolve on him as the senior officer of his company, with the duty of leading his men into action, seemed to suggest to him that he might not survive.

He married, in June, 1914, Daisy, daughter of Mrs. Love, of Upper Deal. When at Deal Mr. Eaves took a very keen interest in football, playing for the Upper Deal Rovers and the Deal Cinque Ports Clubs, and he took a prominent part in organising matches for the boys of the elementary schools, being the inaugurator of the Parochial Schools team and their trainer at the time when they won the Elementary Schools League Shield. He also actively identified himself with the Boy Scout movement and as Scoutmaster at Dover was photographed with his team and the shield they won. As a member of the Deal and District Rifle Club he obtained a first-class shot certificate. His brother is serving as a sergt.-instructor with the Royal West Kents, and his brother-in-law, Sgt.-Major Harry Dawkins, Army Veterinary Corps, is on active service in France.

PRO PATRIA.



LIEUT. (Acting Captain) A. T. EAVES.

Acting Captain Eaves, attached Royal West Surrey Regiment, as recorded last week, was killed while gallantly encouraging his men to consolidate a captured position. Capt. Eaves, who was an old boy and pupil teacher of the Deal Parochial Schools, and former assistant master of the Central Schools here, married in the spring of 1914, Daisy, daughter of Mrs. Brooks, of Melrose Cottages, Upper Deal, and Mrs. Eaves has been carrying on his duties as a teacher at St. Martin's School, Dover. A memorial service was held for Captain Eaves at St. Martin's Church, Dover, on Saturday afternoon, the Dover Boy Scouts Association, of which he had acted as Secretary, being represented, and a number of Boy Scouts attending, references to him being also made at Christ Church, Dover, on Sunday.

MORE MEMORIALS

At the Victoria Hospital - Deal, Walmer, and District War Memorial, London Road, Deal



Tommy's name is on the left hand side panel, second column, about a quarter of the way down

At the Deal Parochial School, Gladstone Road, Deal



Tommy's name is at the bottom, second column in