

## Attestation and Posting

Of the numbers of initial volunteers were two individuals, Edmund Payne Jr in London & Eustace Guy Verner (Logan) in Norwich. Eustace Logan signed up as Verner using his step fathers surname instead of his family name of Logan.

During the searches for information we found a lack of records concerning Edmund Payne, this is probably due to thousands of documents being destroyed in a fire at the records office in 1930. However records for Eustace Logan have survived. From his records and with the fact that Edmund Payne served in the 7th Battalion the Buffs, and personal knowledge of how the regimental system worked, we can safely assume correctly Edmunds progress through the war by looking at Eustace Logan's records.

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(To be rendered in duplicate.)

**THE BUFFS (EAST KENT) REGIMENT OR CORPS.**

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and ~~the~~ British War Medal granted under Army Orders 301 of 1919.

On 11/11/18 or on becoming non-effective		NAME	Unit previously served with. Regt. No. and Rank in same on entry into theatre of war	Theatres of war in which served								Chape awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations (a) Presented (b) Dispatched by Post (c) Taken into Stock	REMARKS	
Regt. No.	Rank			From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To				
G/3458	Sgt	CHATTERLEY	N.G./3458. 7 Bn: E. Kent	X											Noted
G/3458	Pte	VERNER	E.G./3459. 7 Bn: E. Kent G/3459. 8 Bn: E. Kent G/3459. 1/5 Bn: E. Kent	X											Noted
G/3461	Pte	PAYNE	E.J.G./3461. 7 Bn: E. Kent	X											Noted
G/3462	L/Sgt	DIDDAMS	H.S.G./3462. 7 Bn: E. Kent	X											Noted
G/3464	L/Cpl	BERRITT	J.R.G./3464. 7 Bn: E. Kent	X											Noted
G/3467	Pte	ROGERS	J.E.G./3467. 7 Bn: E. Kent	X											Noted

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or Medals as detailed above.

Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lieut. for  
Signature and rank of Officer commanding the Record Office,  
HOUSEHOLD

### Item 1 - Copy of medal roll with G3459 Verner (Logan) & G3461 Payne.

Eustace Logan became firm friends with Edmund Payne eventually marrying Edmunds sister Mary Payne on December 11th 1922.

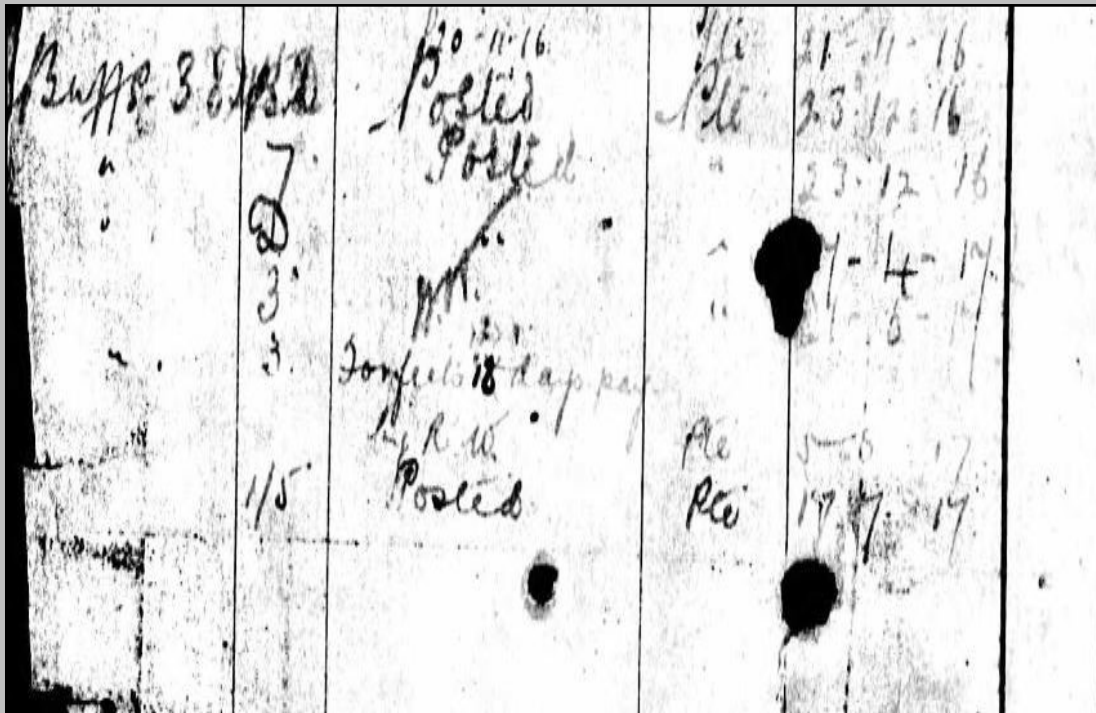
It is highly likely that Edmund and Eustace met during their Attestation of service, this can be seen in the Regimental numbers issued to the two.

In 1914 regimental numbers were given to each regiment in bulk, also different regiments were provided with different sets of numbers. The prefix (G) designated the individual as a volunteer where as Regulars at the time had the prefix (L).

Eustace was attested on the 5th Sept 1914 in Canterbury as G3459 Pte Verner, Pte Payne was given G3461, (See item 1) One regimental number behind Verner. The missing number and name (G3460) means the individual was posted out of 7 Buffs before this role was produced.

We can assume that they were both at Canterbury, being in line together as they went through medicals then followed each other during training and postings up to the days shortly before Edmunds death, in Item 2 below you can see that Eustace was transferred out of 7 Buffs, D Company 3rd Platoon to 1/5 Buffs on the 17th July 1917. Edmund was killed on the 20th.

Eustace records show he was posted to 3rd Batt (Training Batt) Royal East Kent Regiment (The Buffs) on 7th Sept 1914. After eight weeks initial training he was transferred on the 27th Feb 1915 to 9 Platoon D Company, 7th Battalion the Buffs Regiment.



7th Battalion embarked for France on the 27th July 1915 at 10:10 pm from Folkestone Kent on board the *SS Golden Eagle*, and arrived in Boulogne France 00:24am on the 28th.

The 7th Battalion became part of the 18th Division, 55th Infantry Brigade, and on the 10th Aug 1915 they were in the trenches in the Carnoy sector. The Battalion fought in France and Belgium throughout the war, taking part in most of the major battles, Arras, Somme & Third Ypres (Passendale).