

Harold Kent

Private Harold Kent, 7th Battalion East Surrey Regiment, joined the Forces in Christmas 1916 and was sent to France in February 1917. He joined his Regiment at Arras and went into action at Monchy-le-Preux, Vimy Ridge and Bullecourt. Captured at Cambrai in November 1917, he remained a prisoner of war until his release in Brussels on Armistice Day, November 11th 1918. He was demobilised in August 1919.

Harold was remembered fondly by his wife's second cousin, Patricia Remick, who was from Port Isaac and born in 1928. Her recollections have been passed on by her son, Jonathan Remick Richards who writes:

"Pat's recollection:

Harold Kent, 'Uncle Harold' to Patricia Remick and Mark Townsend, had been a prisoner of war in WWI, and had been left scarred by the experience. He was of an uncertain temper and thus not universally popular, although always very kind to Patricia and Mark. He farmed Trewint with Aunt Jenefer, and owned a horse called Dainty (on which Patricia remembers being put as a very small girl) and an old English sheepdog named Bob. Both animals were fatally poisoned by some person unknown, someone with a grudge against Harold.

We have also found that for a period Harold worked as a butcher's shop assistant in Finchley, North London, and was there at the time of the 1911 Census."