

**SOUTH EASTERN AND CHATHAM RAILWAY
Dover Marine Station**

ROLL OF HONOUR

The Great War 1914 – 1919
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WAR MEMORIAL AND ROLL OF HONOUR

The **Dover Marine War Memorial** can be found inside the former railway station at the far end of the impressive canopy. The war memorial itself was sculptured by Mr W King. It was unveiled by **R.H Cosmo-Bonsor** the **Chairman** of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Managing Committee on the 28th October 1922. It was erected as a tribute to the **5,222** staff and employees of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway who served in His Majesty's Colours during the Great War. Of those who served their king and country, **556** men were never to return home.

The memorial and associated roll of honour is without doubt the largest and most intricate to be found anywhere in Kent (with perhaps the exception of the Chatham Naval Memorial, an official commemoration not a civic one). One would imagine that to construct a similar bronze relief now would cost in excess of 1 million pounds.

The war memorial itself stands upon a grey Royal Granite plinth raised on two steps above the former platform. The bronze relief depicts a winged figure of "Victory" holding the "torch of truth". The wings of "Victory" appear injured and battered (in the conflict). At the feet of "Victory" are two men – a sailor and a soldier. Immediately behind the figure of victory stands a bugler who has just sounded the "Last Post" over the fallen.

Immediately behind the war memorial (and in front of the bugler) is the associated Roll of Honour bearing the names of the fallen. Their names, 556 in all have very skilfully been inscribed onto a large Portland stone wall. It is their names that appear transcribed in this work.

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GOLD, CYRIL. M.M. Rifleman, S/5793.

1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 22 July 1917.

Enlisted Deptford, Kent.

Buried St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine maritime, France.

Grave Ref: P. III. P. 1A.

Pre his army enlistment, Cyril was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as an Assistant in the Road Van Department.