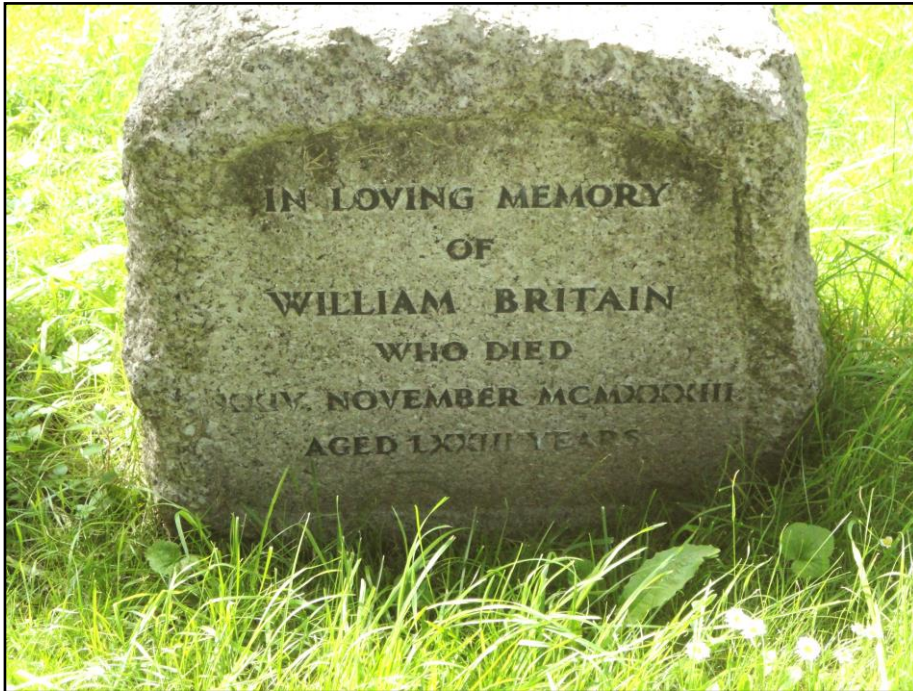


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WILLIAM BRITAIN – Inventor of the cast lead model soldier
Buried in All Saints churchyard:

**A 65 “In Loving memory of WILLIAM BRITAIN,
who died XXIV Nov. MCMXXXIII aged LXXIII years
(24) (1933) (73)**



William Britain & his young wife Helen lived at “Rosedelba” in Sea View Avenue, Birchington. The entry in the register states the same facts as the grave stone.

The Church magazine of December 1933 only lists his name among a group of others who were buried in November of that year. It would appear that he made no great demands on the villagers to recognise his inventive skills, so these facts went unnoticed at his death.

It is interesting to note that in Kelly’s Directory of 1930 (3 years before William’s died) a Mrs “BRITTON” is printed under “Rosedelba”. In 1932 we find “Wm BRITTON” in Kelly’s, however, in 1933 “Wm BRITAIN” is listed as the occupant. By 1934 we have only “Mrs Britain” again. It would appear that the spelling of the surname was an error, but why only Mrs Britain was listed in 1930 is unclear.