

**MEN OF STOCKLAND PARISH
WHO FOUGHT
IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR
1914 - 1919**

"We must suffer much, but we shall know how to suffer for the great name of England and for all her high ideals, as our fathers did before us. We go into the fray without hatred, without selfish ambition".

London, *The Times*, following the declaration of war on Germany, 4th August 1914

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Friday 18th June 1915.

The Route March of the 3rd Battalion of The Devonshire Regiment.

From Sir Robert Thesiger Watkin Williams' Diary – "A lovely hot day. The soldiers arrived at 4 pm (at Stockland). Col. Harding, Captain Vaughan, Major Gill, Lt. Larder and Miss Hake and Mr. Talbot all had tea here, (White House), then to the school room where the soldiers tea was given. Lt. Larder went to the stream and fished with me and afterwards Miss Rowan, Miss Hake, Capt. Vaughan, Major Gill, Lt. Larder and Mr. Talbot dined with us. Capt. Vaughan and Lt. Larder stayed the night and the troops left at 8.30 am the next morning for Upottery, Exeter and Plymouth".

The Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association

The local representative for Stockland and Dalwood is Mrs Watkins Williams, who was appointed by the Axminster Committee last week. All applications for advice or relief should be made to Mrs Williams at the White House, Stockland.

Pullmans Weekly News, 1st September 1914

ROLL OF HONOUR
St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS



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Stockland Parish Birth, Marriage and Burial Registers

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Notes:

Every one of the millions of soldiers who served in the First World War had a record of service, stored by the War Office. These records contain immense detail – such as a soldier's home address, physical description and measurements, their peacetime occupation, and their service overseas.

However, almost two thirds of these were destroyed in bombing raids during the Second World War. What's more, if the person being researched served in the military after 1920, their records are not yet available for public access.

As a result, the surviving available 'burnt documents' are highly prized – and along with the 'unburnt documents' (mostly the records of soldiers discharged for medical reasons) they can provide extraordinary details about someone's life and their war experiences.

As yet, there is no evidence that any of the War Office records for Stockland men remained either totally or partially intact after the WW2 bombing raids.