

# STOCKLAND PARISH

## THE MEN WHO DIED IN WW1

### **BARTON, Fred**



#### **Family details:**

Fred's father was Richard Barton, a farmer, born in 1863 in Otterford (or, possibly Allerford) and Charlotte Barton (nee Carter) born in 1858 in Dunkeswell. Richard and Charlotte married in approximately 1886 and lived at Barn Farm, Stockland. (probably now Barn Park Farm).

They had 5 children, all of whom were alive at the time of the 1911 Census.

Fred was born in 1892 in Dunkeswell.

Fred's siblings were:

Florence, born in about 1888, working as a cook

Lucy, born in about 1889, working as a housemaid

Rhoda, born in about 1891, dairy worker on the farm

Sidney, born in about 1894, farm worker

Fred's name does not appear on the Stockland School Admission Register

On leaving school, Fred worked as a carter on a farm.

Fred's gravestone records him as dying at Boscombe and there is the death of a Fred Barton, date of birth approximately 1893, registered at Christchurch in June 1916.

#### **Service record:**

Fred BARTON, Private 4261, 3/4<sup>th</sup> (Reserve) Battalion Devonshire Regiment (see notes),  
Fred enrolled for active service at Axminster He died at home, cause unknown on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1916,  
age 24

No further information is available. There is no medal card so he may not have seen any active service overseas which would be correct if he served only with the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4th Battalion who were held at home in reserve.

#### **Grave reference:**

East of Church. Stockland, St Michael and All Angels churchyard

## **DIMON, Reginald**



### **Family details:**

(see also brother Robert Dimon's entry)

Reginald was the son of Alfred Dimon and Mary (nee Peram), of Horseplott, Stockland. Alfred's father lived in Stockland. Alfred was working as a haulage contractor/road worker in 1899. Alfred and Mary had 7 children, all of whom were still living at the time of the 1911 Census.

Reginald was born on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1894 at Smallridge and was baptised on 27 May 1894 at Chardstock.

Reginald's siblings were:

Ernest, born 11<sup>th</sup> August 1889,

Ellen, born 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1890, married name White (later separated)

Emily, born 16<sup>th</sup> October 1891, married name Gigg

Ida, born 14<sup>th</sup> December 1892, not married

Florence, born 1<sup>st</sup> November 1895, married name Tricker

Robert, born 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1896

Reginald attended Smallridge School before transferring with his siblings to Stockland School on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1899 when the family lived at Phoenixhayes. He left school on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1908.

Reginald's details were not included with the rest of the family in the 1911 Census, but there is a Reginald Dymond registered at that time as a cowman/servant on the farm with the Mattock family at Rakehill Farm.

After the death of Alfred, the family home was destroyed by fire and his widow Mary lived in a cottage at Shorebottom, purchased with Reginald's brother Ernest's compensation money for war wounds. The cottage had been a tied property in the estate of Sir Robert Beck.

### **Service record:**

Reginald DIMON, Private 14870, 9<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion Devonshire Regiment (see notes).

Reginald enrolled for active service in Exeter. He was killed in action on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1915, age 22. Reginald was awarded the Victory/British War Medal and 1915 Star. His Medal Index card is held at the Imperial War Museum.

An extract from the Battalion War Diary for 30 September 2015 reads: "At Festubert – marched from village to trenches at front line dealing with reconstituting trenches which were in bad condition" – no action recorded except that a L/Corp was killed by sniper fire." *This could have been Pte. Dimon – he may have been promoted in the field and the promotion did not reach the War Office or it may have been an error.*

### **Memorial reference:**

Memorial Panels 35 to 37, Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

## **DIMON, Robert**

### **Family details:**

(see also brother Reginald Dimon's entry)

Robert was the son of Alfred Dimon and Mary (nee Peram), of Horseplott, Stockland. Alfred's father lived in Stockland. Alfred was working as a haulage contractor/road worker in 1899. Alfred and Mary had 7 children, all of whom were still living at the time of the 1911 Census.

Robert was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1896 in Smallridge, Axminster and he was baptised on 4 April 1897 at Chardstock.

Robert's siblings were:

Ernest, born 11<sup>th</sup> August 1889,

Ellen, born 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1890, married name White (later separated)

Emily, born 16<sup>th</sup> October 1891, married name Gigg

Ida, born 14<sup>th</sup> December 1892, not married

Reginald, born 11<sup>th</sup> April 1894

Florence, born 1<sup>st</sup> November 1895, married name Tricker

All the above children attended Smallridge School before transferring to Stockland in May 1899 and in that year the family lived at Phoenixhayes.

Robert attended Stockland School between 7<sup>th</sup> January 1901 and 23 December 1910.

In 1911, Robert's father Alfred was employed as an agricultural labourer, and mother Mary age 52 was a laundress. Robert age 14 was a farmboy. His sisters Ida and Florence were aged 18 and 15 respectively.

Also in the household were James Hine age 21, a farm labourer, born in Hurley, and Reginald Perham, age 2 years, born in Axminster, both described as boarders.

After the death of Alfred, the family home was destroyed by fire and his widow Mary lived in a cottage at Shorebottom, purchased with Robert's brother Ernest's compensation money for war wounds. The cottage had been a tied property in the estate of Sir Robert Beck.

### **Service record:**

Robert DIMON, Private 20045, 9<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion The Devonshire Regiment (see notes).

Unfortunately there is no information on the Regimental Roll of Honour for Robert. He was killed in action on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1917, age 21. Robert was awarded the Victory/British War Medal and 1915 Star. His Medal Index card is held at the Imperial War Museum.

His name does not appear on Ancestry "UK Soldiers Died" nor in "Soldiers Died in Great War".

The Battalion War Diary for 5<sup>th</sup> October records: "at Hooge Crater; no casualties recorded".

### **Memorial reference:**

Addenda Panel, Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

## **DRISCOLL, William**

There is no entry for a William Driscoll on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission or Ancestry websites, nor any mention in the Wiltshire Regiment records in the regimental museum. However we know that a William Driscoll lived at Cuckoos Pit, Dalwood. He was said to have separated from his wife in 1907 but in the 1911 Census William had a wife Elizabeth, age 37, from Yarcombe and married for 7 (or possibly 17 years, uncertain crossing-out). She had 6 children, one of whom had died. Whether William enlisted for service we do not know, but his son, Walter Leonard (see below), did and we are fairly certain that Walter is the correct entry for the Stockland memorial.

## **DRISCOLL, Walter Leonard**



### **Family details:**

(see also Dalwood record)

Walter was the son of William Driscoll, born in Crewkerne in about 1869 and Elizabeth Jane born in Yarcombe in about 1874. In 1901 father William was employed as a farm labourer, by 1911 he was a mason's labourer. In 1901 the family lived at Slate House, Dalwood. At that time Bertie Rice, aged 20, brother in law to William, was living in the household and working as an apprentice carpenter. In 1911 the family was living at Cuckoos Pit in Stockland.

Walter was born on 18th May 1899 and was baptised at St Peter's Church, Dalwood on 23rd July 1899.

Walter's siblings were:

Elizabeth born in about 1898

Lilian born in about 1903

Lionel born in about 1908

Winifred born in about 1911

Walter's name is not included on the Stockland School Admission Register. He attended Dalwood Board School from 1904 to 1913.

### **Service record:**

Walter Leonard Driscoll, Private 35262, was enlisted at Exeter into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment (The Duke of Edinburgh's). He was killed in action 5<sup>th</sup> June 1918. Walter was awarded Victory and British War Medals. His Medal Index card is held by the Imperial War Museum.

### **Memorial reference:**

Soissons Memorial, Aisne, France

## **FOXWELL, Frederick Benjamin**

### **Family details:**

Frederick's parents were William, born in about 1857, and Sarah, born in about 1860. They married in approximately 1880. William was born in Thornfalcon, Somerset and worked as an agricultural labourer. Sarah was born in Clayhidon, Devon.

Frederick was born on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1897 at Sheldon near Honiton, according to the Stockland School Register, and his birth was registered in Honiton in the period April-June 1897. The family lived at Bodmiscombe, Uffculme in 1901.

Frederick's siblings were:

John born 1890,

Alice, born in about 1892

Bertha born 27<sup>th</sup> January 1893

Edith born 6<sup>th</sup> March 1894

Janet born 21<sup>st</sup> September 1895

Gladys born 1899,

Vera born about 1901 at Sheldon.

All the children except Frederick, Gladys and Annie were born at Kentisbeare. The three youngest were born at Sheldon. Bertha, Edith and Janet were recorded as enrolling at Stockland School on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1902, having transferred from Sheldon School. Frederick began his education at Stockland School on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1902. Frederick and his sisters left Stockland School on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1906.

In the school Admission Register father William's address was given as Membury in 1902 and William was employed as a labourer. In 1911 the family lived at Cleave, Ham, Dalwood. John age 21 and Frederick age 13 were working as farm labourers.

### **Service record:**

Frederick Benjamin Foxwell, Private 18414, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Dorsetshire Regiment (see notes).

Frederick enrolled for service at Axminster.

He was killed in action near Arras on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1917 and buried at Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery.

Frederick was formerly with the Royal Field Artillery (148507). He was awarded the Victory and British War Medals and his Medal Index Card is held at the Imperial War Museum.

Frederick's name was not on the National Roll of Honour but is quoted on the Roll of Honour in The History of The Dorsetshire Regiment 1914-1919, Volume 3.

### **Memorial reference:**

Bay 6, Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

## **GLADE, William J**

### **Family details:**

William's parents were George, born in Churchinford in about 1859, dairyman and agricultural labourer, and Charlotte born in about 1858, of Millhayes.

William was born in Stockland on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1889, his birth was registered in Axminster July-Sept 1889, and he was baptised in Stockland 28<sup>th</sup> July 1889.

William's siblings were:

Francis G Glade born in Stockland on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1893 according to the Stockland School Admissions Register (although the Stockland Church Baptismal Register records his baptism as occurring on 12<sup>th</sup> November 1892).

Edith Maud Glade born 1<sup>st</sup> February 1888 and baptised in Stockland on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1888. When Edith was aged 13 she was employed as a servant in the household of John Knight, butcher, of Stockland village.

Sarah Beatrice, date of birth unknown, baptised in Stockland on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1895.

William and Edith Maud were first registered at Stockland School on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1893, they left school on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1901.

In 1891 the family lived at Lye, Stockland. Also in the household was Eli Glade, age 56 years. In 1898 they were resident in Millhayes.

William's mother Charlotte was living at Chasehayes, Stockland in 1911. She was widowed and was employed as a servant in the household of Alice Black, a widow. In that same year, Francis (aka Frank) was resident in the Post Office in Stockland where he was employed as a servant.

### **Service record:**

William J Glade, Private 14883, 9<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment (see notes). William enrolled for service in Exeter. He was killed in action on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916, the first day of the Battle of Somme. The Battalion was positioned at Mansell Copse, Mametz, the recorded casualties that day were 8 officers and 133 other ranks killed, 55 other ranks missing. William was awarded the Victory and British War Medal 1915 Star, his Medal Index Card is held by the Imperial War Museum.

### **Grave Reference:**

A.8, Devonshire Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France

## **GOFF, Fred**

### **Family details:**

Fred was the son of John and Mary Goff (nee Studley, born at Clayhidon) of Heathstock. John was working as a labourer.

Fred was born in Stockland on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1886 and entered school at Stockland on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1889, leaving on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1898.

Fred's siblings were:

Lucy born in about 1880

Alice born 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1883

Minnie born 10<sup>th</sup> April 1884

In 1886 the family was resident at Millhayes, later in 1901 they were at Paradise in Heathstock, Fred was said to be 14yrs and Minnie 15yrs, Alice and Lucy were not mentioned. In 1911, Minnie age 24, single, was housekeeper at Shore living with mother Mary age 73.

In 1911 Fred was living at Carswell, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, having married Rosa Lilian, now aged 28, 2yrs previously. He was working as a waggoner on a farm. There were no children as yet.

### **Service record:**

Fred GOFF, Private 201276, 1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Devonshire Regiment (see notes). Fred also had another service record under the Army number 3169.

Fred died on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1918 but his name does not feature on the Ancestry website nor in Atkinson's Casualty List. In the 1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion War Diary there is no record of action on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Fred was awarded the Victory and British War Medal. His Campaign Medal Index Card and Silver War Badge Card are held at the Imperial War Museum.

### **Grave Reference:**

XII.E.1, Amara War Cemetery, Iraq.

## **GOSLING, Thornhill**

### **Family details:**

See entry for William Gosling, Thornhill's brother, below.

Thornhill was the son of William George Gosling and Sarah Gosling.

William George was born in about 1855 and died on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1898 aged 43yrs. His occupation was a labourer.

Sarah was born in Axminster in about 1853. In the 1901 Census she was described as a widow and her occupation was a launderess.

Thornhill was born in Stockland and was baptised 29<sup>th</sup> November 1896. His name does not appear in the Stockland School Admission Register

Thornhill's siblings were:

William born in Stockland on 17<sup>th</sup> November 1880

Minnie born 21<sup>st</sup> March 1884

Reginald born in Chardstock on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1888. Reginald died in 1918 and was buried at Stockland on 13<sup>th</sup> November. It is not known whether he enlisted for active service.

In 1901, Thornhill and his widowed mother lived at Newland, Stockland. By 1911, Thornhill age 14 was living with his mother age 57 at Road End Pit Cottage and working as a shoemaker. His mother was employed as a charwoman. There is no mention of Reginald, William or Minnie in the household.

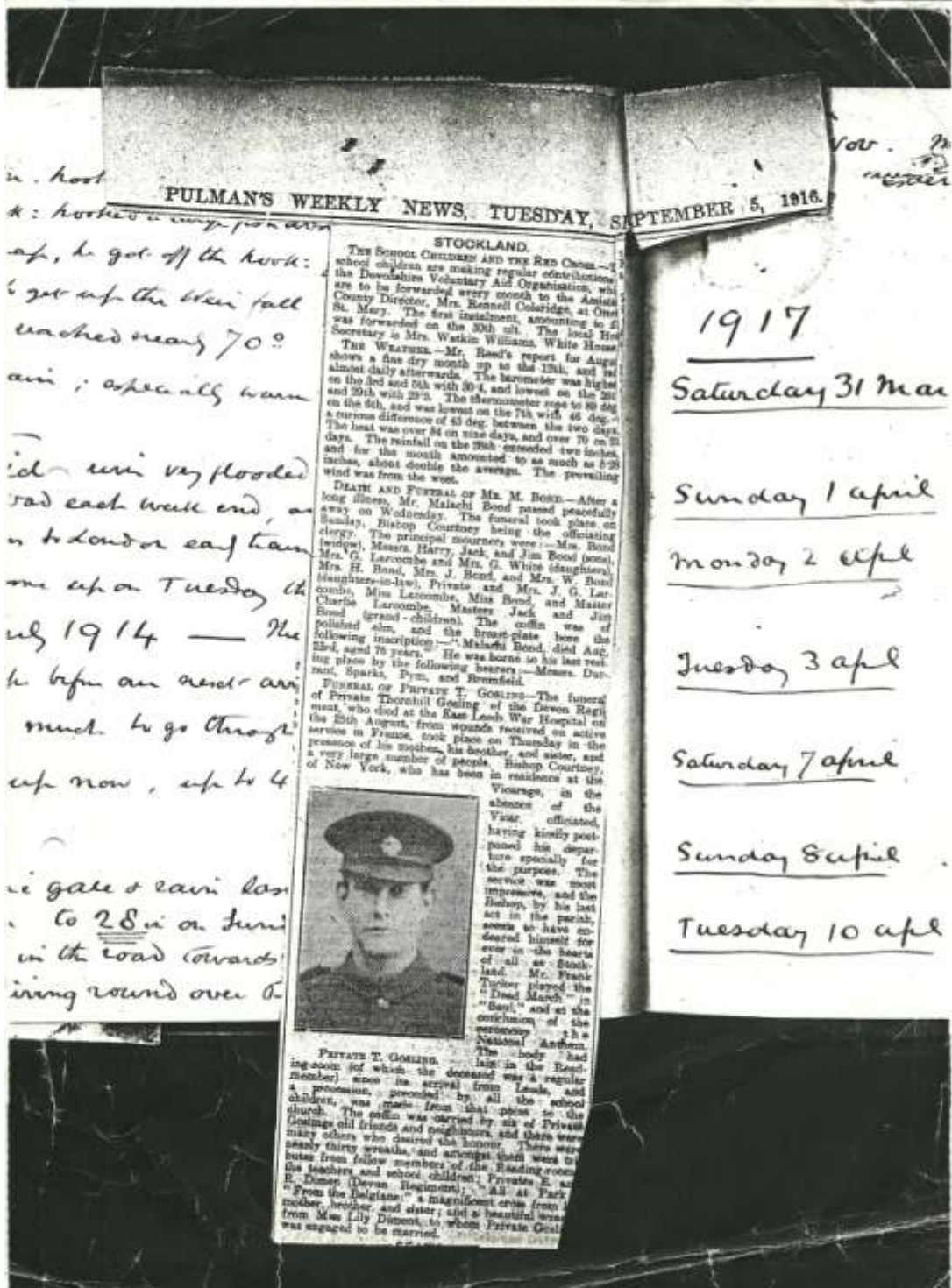
### **Service record:**

Thornhill GOSLING, Private 16548, 8<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion The Devonshire Regiment (see notes).

Thornhill enrolled for active service in Axminster He died of wounds in the East Leeds War Hospital on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1916, age 19, and his death was registered in Leeds, Yorks in Sept 1916. Thornhill was awarded the Victory and British War Medal, his Medal Index Card is held by the Imperial War Museum.

After his death, the body of Thornhill Gosling was brought back to Stockland and was laid in the Reading Room in the village before the funeral service in St Michael's and All Angels Church and burial in the churchyard.





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STOCKLAND.

THE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THE RED CROSS.—The school children are making regular contributions to the Devonshire Voluntary Aid Organisation, which are to be forwarded every month to the Assistant County Director, Mrs. Rennell Colaridge, at Orest St. Mary. The first instalment, amounting to £2, was forwarded on the 30th ult. The local Hon. Secretary is Mrs. Wistam Williams, White House.

THE WEATHER.—Mr. Bond's report for August shows a fine dry month up to the 12th, and not almost daily afterwards. The barometer was highest on the 2nd and 6th with 30.4, and lowest on the 20th and 29th with 29.8. The thermometer rose to 80 deg. on the 6th, and was lowest on the 7th with 46 deg. a curious difference of 43 deg. between the two days. The heat was over 84 on nine days, and over 70 on 21 days. The rainfall on the 29th exceeded two inches, and for the month amounted to as much as 4.29 inches, about double the average. The prevailing wind was from the west.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. M. BOND.—After a long illness, Mr. Malachi Bond passed peacefully away on Wednesday. The funeral took place, on Sunday, Bishop Courtney being the officiating clergy. The principal mourners were:—Mrs. Bond (widow), Messrs. Harry, Jack, and Jim Bond (sons), Mrs. G. Larcombe and Mrs. G. White (daughters), Mrs. H. Bond, Mrs. J. Beard, and Mrs. W. Bond (daughters-in-law), Private and Mrs. J. G. Larcombe, Miss Larcombe, Miss Bond, and Messrs. Charles Larcombe, Master Jack and Jim Bond (grand-children). The coffin was of polished elm, and the brass plate bore the following inscription:—"Malachi Bond, died A.D. 1916, aged 78 years. He was borne to his last rest, the place by the following bearers:—Messrs. Darnant, Sparks, Pym, and Brumfield."

FUNERAL OF PRIVATE T. GOSLING.—The funeral of Private Thornhill Gosling of the Devon Regiment, who died at the Ram Lodge Hospital on the 16th August, from wounds received on active service in France, took place on Thursday in the presence of his mother, his brother, and sister, and a very large number of people. Bishop Courtney, of New York, who has been in residence at the



Vicarage, in the absence of the Vicar, officiated, having kindly postponed his departure specially for the purpose. The service was most impressive, and the Bishop, by his last act in the parish, seems to have consecrated himself for ever in the hearts of all at Stockland. Mr. Frank Tucker visited the "Dead March" in "Basil," and at the conclusion of the ceremony the National Anthem.

PRIVATE T. GOSLING. The body had lain in the Rectory since its arrival from Leeds, and a procession, preceded by all the school children, was made from that place to the church. The coffin was carried by six of Private Gosling's old friends and neighbours, and there were many others who desired the honour. There were about thirty wreaths, and amongst them were tributes from fellow members of the Reading room, the teachers and school children, Private E. and R. Damer (Devon Regiment), "All at Paris" from the Belgians, a magnificent cross from brother, brother, and sister, and a beautiful wreath from Miss Lily Diment, to whom Private Gosling was engaged to be married.

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Grave Reference

South-east of chancel, Stockland (St Michael and All Angels) Churchyard

## GOSLING, William George



### Family details:

See entry for brother Thornhill Gosling above.

William was the son of William George Gosling and Sarah Gosling.

Father William George was born in about 1855 and died on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1898 aged 43yrs. His occupation was a labourer.

Sarah was born in Axminster in about 1853. In the 1901 Census she was described as a widow and her occupation was a launderess. At the time of William's death in 1916 Sarah was living in Road End Pit, Stockland.

William was born in Stockland on 17<sup>th</sup> November 1880.

William's siblings were:

Minnie born 21<sup>st</sup> March 1884

Reginald born in Chardstock on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1888. Reginald died in 1918 and was buried at Stockland on 13<sup>th</sup> November. It is not known whether he enlisted for active service

Thornhill born 1896

William and his sister Minnie both entered school in Stockland in April 1893 when William was age 13 and the family lived at Newland, Stockland. There is no record of schools previously attended.

William left Stockland School on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1894.

*The Stockland School Admission Register includes a Miriam Gosling, parent or guardian a widow, of Mays Cottage, born 16<sup>th</sup> January 1916, entering school on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1920 and leaving on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1930.*

### Service record:

William Gosling, Private 12603, enlisted with The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 4th Bn. (see notes) at Llanelly, Carmarthen.

He died of wounds 5<sup>th</sup> July 1916, age 35. William was awarded the Victory and British War Medals, his Campaign Medal Index Cards and Silver War Badge Cards are held at the Imperial War Museum.

### Grave Reference:

I.J.19, Chocques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

## **LARCOMBE, William John**

### **Family details:**

William was the son of George Larcombe, born in Chardstock in about 1868, agricultural labourer, and Caroline Ella, born in Stockland in about 1872. They were married in approximately 1892 and lived in Stockland village. In 1911 the family resided at Churchstyle.

William was born in Membury on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1899.

William's siblings were:

Jesse George, born 18<sup>th</sup> August 1892, baptised 25<sup>th</sup> September 1892, working as a cowboy in 1911

Lilian Mary, born 24<sup>th</sup> May 1894, she was married at the time of the 1911 Census

Ella Elizabeth, born 18<sup>th</sup> July 1895, working as a servant at the time of the 1911 Census

James Henry, born 1<sup>st</sup> March 1900

Wilfred Leonard born 30<sup>th</sup> September 1903

Walter Charles born 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1907

Rosa Daisy born 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1909

William entered Stockland school on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1903, he was withdrawn on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1904, readmitted on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1904 and finally left on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1912.

### **Service record:**

William John Larcombe, Private 36895, enlisted at Taunton and served with 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment (see notes).

He died of wounds on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1918. William was awarded the Victory and British War Medals. William's Campaign Medal Index Card is held at the Imperial War Museum.

### **Grave Reference:**

XXXI.H.33A, Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

## LONG, George Henry



### Family details:

(George Long's name is also commemorated at Membury)

George was the son of William Henry and Eliza of Membury. William was employed as a carter. George was born on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1894 and he was baptised in Stockland on 5<sup>th</sup> August.

George's siblings were:

Page, born 9<sup>th</sup> August 1895, baptised in Stockland on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1895,

Mark, born 27<sup>th</sup> November 1898

Joy, baptised in Stockland on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1901

May, born 24<sup>th</sup> May 1905, baptised in Stockland on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1905.

Ben, born 5<sup>th</sup> September 1908

George was enrolled at Stockland School on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1899, withdrawn on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1899, readmitted on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1900 and finally left school on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1908.

In 1895 the family lived at Membury. George was enrolled at Stockland School on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1899, withdrawn on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1899, readmitted on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1900 and finally left school on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1908. In 1907, the family were in Shell Lane, Longbridge. In 1914, father William Henry was working as a labourer and lived in Webble Green.

In the 1911 Census, at the age of 16, George is registered as living in the household of George and Martha Gollop in Treblehayes Farm, Membury. His status was a servant and his occupation, a cowman. Also in the household were George Reginald Gollop, son, age 30 and James Sparks, another servant aged 25, who also worked as a carter. In the same year, George's brother Page was resident in the Post Office in Stockland where he was employed as a servant. According to a family member, Page served in the Devonshire Regiment and with the Somerset Light Infantry in the War, and was based in Salisbury where "he worked with horses".

### Service record:

George Henry LONG, Private 23731 8<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion The Devonshire Regiment (see notes)  
George enrolled for active service in Axminster. He was killed in action on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1917. The entry in the Battalion War Diary for 8<sup>th</sup> August records: 'At Ervillers – "quiet" day 1 other rank killed'. George was awarded the Victory and British War Medal. His Campaign Medal Index Cards and Silver War Badge Cards are held at the Imperial War Museum.

### Grave Reference:

II.E.10, H.A.C. Cemetery, Ecoust-St. Mein, Pas de Calais, France.

In Memory of  
Private

**G H Long**

23731, 8th Bn., Devonshire Regiment who died on 08 August 1917

Remembered with Honour  
H.A.C. Cemetery, Ecoust-St. Mein



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



**LOVERIDGE, (Percy) Heber**

**Family details:**

(see also Dalwood record)

Heber was the son of John and Catherine Loveridge, of Ham, Dalwood, in the parish of Stockland. John was born in Stockland in 1842 and learned his trade as a blacksmith. He married Catherine, the youngest daughter of Samuel and Charlotte Glade of Yarcombe on 28th November 1865 at St Peter's Church, Dalwood. They had a smithy and a shop at Ham.

In 1881, the Census records the family as living in Ham at the Smith shop. There was a Caroline registered as living there, (*?error – should be Catherine*) age 37, born in Upottery, with 7 children all born in Stockland. John's mother, Martha, age 72, was also resident. She was born in Combyne and worked as a nurse.

Heber was born on 2 October 1887 in Ham.

Heber's siblings were;

Harry, born in about 1866

Albert, born in about 1868

Willie, born in about 1868

Tom, born in about 1871, he later worked as a miller's assistant

Minnie, born in about 1874

Fred, born in about 1876

Jesse, born in about 1878, he served in the War and survived

Laura, born in about 1885 in Ham.

In 1891 Heber, age 3 years, was living at Myrtle Cottage, Ham, with his father John then aged 48, a blacksmith and mother Catherine aged 47.

Heber attended Dalwood Board School from 4th April 1892 to 28th March 1902. In 1901, 13 year old Heber was living with his family in Ham and his father now aged 58 was a corn dealer and blacksmith, his brother Fred was a sorting clerk in the Post Office.

In 1911, Heber was working as a grocer's assistant, boarding with William and Emily Bangor at Cheapside, Langport, Somerset.

In 1916, Heber's parents were still living at Myrtle Cottage.

**Service record:**

(Percy) Heber Loveridge, Private 20601, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Devonshire Regiment (see notes).

Heber enlisted for active service in Exeter. He was killed in action on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916, age 29, the first day of the Battle of the Somme. The Battalion was at Pozieres and Heber was one of 163 other ranks recorded as killed that day.

Heber had no known grave. He was awarded the Victory and British War Medal. His Campaign Medal Index Cards and Silver War Badge Cards are held at the Imperial War Museum.

**Memorial reference:**



Pier and Face 1 C, Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

## **NORRIS, Alfred William**

### **Family details:**

Alfred William Norris was born in Barnet, Middlesex and resided in Honiton. There is no mention of Alfred William Norris in the Stockland School Admissions Register and no further information on the Ancestry website

*(The only information from the Electoral Roll, Census returns and the Baptism Register is that a Robert and Annie Norris were living at Postock, Millhayes in 1923)*

### **Service record:**

Alfred William Norris, Rifleman R/14327, King's Royal Rifle Corps, 12th Battalion (see notes).

Alfred enlisted for active service at Larkhill. Pullmans Weekly News recorded the death from wounds of a Bandsman Norris (no first name given) from Stockland on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1918, he had been taken prisoner in March of that year. Alfred was awarded the Victory and British War Medal.

### **Grave reference:**

VI.B.1, Grand-Seraucourt British Cemetery, Aisne, France.

## **PEARCE, Frederick Charles**



### **Family details:**

Frederick was the son of William, born in about 1872, and Susan Pearce, born in about 1876, both of Upton; they were later resident at 95, High St., Pontypool, Monmouth. William was a road contractor with the Rural District Council. He married Susan in about 1893. By 1909 the family had moved to Stockland Hill. They had at least 14 children and possibly as many as 21, but 4 had not survived by the time of the 1911 Census.

Frederick was born in about 1895 at Combe Raleigh. His name is not included in the Stockland School Admissions Register.

Frederick's siblings included:

William Henry born in about 1894 in Monmouth and also working on a farm and roads

Beatrice Annie, born on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1896 in Church Stanton

Raymond Courtney born 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1901

Francis John, born 20<sup>th</sup> June 1902

Winifred May born 17<sup>th</sup> April 1903

Irene Gwendoline born 8<sup>th</sup> August 1906

Gladys Isobel born 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1907

Dora Matilda born in about 1910

Walter James born in about 1911

In 1911 the family lived at Shortmoor Cottage, Stockland and 16 year old Frederick was a farm and road worker.

A seat dedicated to William Henry was placed next to the Old Vicarage in Stockland (now removed). He had been on the Parish Council for 50 years.

#### **Service record:**

Frederick Charles PEARCE, Private 3/6757, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Devonshire Regiment (see notes).

Frederick enrolled for active service in Exeter. He was killed in action on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1915, age 20.

The Battalion was at Neuve Chappelle at this time where casualties (killed and wounded) totaled 283. Frederick was awarded the Victory, British War Medal and 1914 Star. His Campaign Medal Index Cards and Silver War Badge Cards are held at the Imperial War Museum.

#### **Grave reference:**

VI.A.18, Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard, Laventie, Pas de Calais, France

### **PILTON, Frank (also known as Francis John)**

#### **Family details:**

Frank was the son of Thomas and Sarah Pilton. Thomas Pilton was born in Membury and worked as a carter on a farm. He married twice, his first wife, name unknown, died after giving birth to 2 daughters, one being Fanny (? Eva Lily) Pilton, (later Gould) and Elizabeth who died young. After the death of his first wife, Thomas married Sarah and the couple had 7 more children; all the children were still alive by the time of the 1911 Census. Thomas died in Membury and is buried there.

Frank was born on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1899 and was baptised in Stockland on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1899.

Frank's siblings were:

Eva Lilly, born 28<sup>th</sup> April 1882, baptised in Stockland on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1882

Elizabeth Ann, born 19<sup>th</sup> May 1884, baptised in Stockland on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1884.

Sarah Jane, born 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1886, baptised in Stockland on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1886



Alice Mary, baptised Stockland 29<sup>th</sup> October 1888. Alice married Ernest Dimon, (see entry in Part III)

William Tom born 20<sup>th</sup> February 1891

Walter Robert born 16<sup>th</sup> April 1893 (see entry in Part III)

Albert James born 18<sup>th</sup> August 1895, baptised 29<sup>th</sup> September 1895 in Stockland (see entry in Part III)

Edith Mary born 27<sup>th</sup> July 1901, baptised in Stockland on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1901.

Ms C Alderson, grand-daughter of Alice Dimon (nee Pilton) remembers the 7 children of Thomas and Sarah Pilton as Alice, Doll (who married Mr Trivett whose farm later became the trout farm at Membury), Frank, Har, Emily, Flo and John. Emily and Flo never married.

Frank entered Stockland School on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1904 and left on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1913.

At some point, the Pilton family farmed at Wellington Farm in Wilmington. In 1901 the family was resident at Lower Huntshayes, by 1911 the household was living at Millhayes. Younger sister Edith was at home and older sister Eva Lilly now had the surname Gasson, she was widowed and was boarding with them together with her son Victor George Gasson age 2yrs born in Membury. Her occupation was described as a housekeeper. There is no mention of Sarah Pilton or of the other children.

At the time of Frank's death his parents were living in Primrose Cottage, Millhayes, Stockland.

Walter Robert and Albert James both served in the Royal Field Artillery during the war and survived the conflict (see entries in Part III).

#### **Service record:**

Frank Pilton, Private 37322. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website records Frank as having served in the 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, previously 8/6140, Temporary Reserve battalion, The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (see notes) whereas the Stockland memorial has The Devonshire Regiment against his name.

An inquiry to the The Keep Museum at Dorchester has not revealed any further information so it is possible that Frank may only have been attached to the Devonshires at the time of his death, on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1918, at age 19. Frank was awarded the Victory and British War Medals. His campaign Medal Index Card and Silver War Badge Card are held at the Imperial War Museum.

#### **Memorial reference:**

Panel 68, Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

### **SMITH, Reginald**



### **Family details:**

Reginald was the son of Robert and Mary Smith. Robert was a postman and general labourer, he was born in Colyton in about 1854. Mary was born in Danbury, Essex also in about 1854. They married in approximately 1877. Mary had 9 children all of whom were still alive at the time of the 1911 Census.

Reginald was born in Stockland on 8<sup>th</sup> October 1898 and baptised in Stockland Church on 11<sup>th</sup> September that year. He entered Stockland School on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1902 and left on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1910 having been issued with a Labour Certificate, to go to work as an agricultural labourer.

In the 1901 Census, Reginald's age was confirmed as being 3years so he was 16 years 7 months when he died, rather than 20yrs as given on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website.

Reginald's siblings included:

Ernest Edward, born 13<sup>th</sup> April 1886

Frederick, born 30<sup>th</sup> April 1889

Francis, born 13<sup>th</sup> August 1892

Florence May, born 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1895

In 1896 the family lived at Shorebottom, by 1901 they were resident at Horseplot. In 1911, the family lived at Path Head, Shore Head, Stockland. Francis was the only sibling at home, now aged 18yrs and working as an agricultural labourer. Florence was living at Goren farm, Stockland where she was employed as a general servant.

When Reginald died in 1915 his parents were living at Millhayes Cottage, Stockland.

### **Service record:**

Reginald Smith, Private 3/6826, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Devonshire Regiment (see notes). Reginald enlisted for active service at Exeter. He was killed in action on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1915 at the age of 16 years, 7 months. Reginald had only arrived in France on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1915. The Battalion War Diary records the battalion was at Kreuzstraat Hoek, "resting; some working parties – 3 other ranks killed". Reginald was awarded the Victory, British War Medal and 1915 Star. His campaign Medal Index Card and Silver War Badge Card are held at the Imperial War Museum.

### **Memorial reference:**

Panel 21, Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

**TRIM, Frederick** (see also Dalwood record)



**Family details:**

Frederick was the son of George, a carpenter and Ellen Jane (Nell), born in Shute. The family lived for a while at Holmes Knapp, Dalwood. Frederick was born near Dulverton in Somerset on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1895 and he entered Stockland School on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1904, finally leaving school at the age of 14.

At the age of 6yrs Frederick lived in Back Street, the grandson of the head of household Henry Newton (maternal grandfather) agricultural labourer, age 56yrs. Also resident were Henry's wife Mary and his son Albert Newton (who was baptized at Stockland, 28<sup>th</sup> February 1875,) age 26yrs, a shoemaker.

Frederick's siblings were:

George Henry (Harry), baptised in Stockland on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1897, when the family was living in Dalwood.

Charlie, baptised in Stockland on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1899, died in Australia

Laura and (?twin) Leonard were baptized 12<sup>th</sup> May 1901 when the family was in Dalwood.

Gladys Mabel, baptised in Stockland on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1903.

Hilda, date of birth unknown

Sidney, date of birth unknown

In 1911, Frederick was working as a wheelwright and carpenter and was residing with his aunt Emily and her husband Samuel James (Jim) Berry and their 2 year old son William at Coxhill, Churchstanton.

**Service record:**

Frederick Trim, Private 6678 also TF/202409, 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, (see notes).

Frederick enlisted at Taunton with the Middlesex Regiment. He entered the campaign in France on 23 August 1915.

Frederick died in France on 30 August 1918, his body was never found. He was awarded

the Victory and British War Medals, his Medal Index Cards are held at the Imperial War Museum.

Frederick's name is commemorated on memorials in Stockland, Dalwood and Churchstanton;

his family has given permission for his letters home to be published and they can be seen in the Appendix.

### **Memorial reference**

Panel 8-9, Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

## **TUCKER, Frederick**

### **Family details:**

Frederick was the son of George and Jane Tucker. George was born in about 1854, he worked as a signpost maker and blacksmith. Jane was born in about 1855, in Combe St Nicholas, Somerset. George and Jane married in about 1884 and they had 6 children.

Frederick was born in Monkton in 1887. His name is not included in the Stockland School Admissions Register.

Frederick's siblings were:

Lilly, date of birth not known

Mary, born in about 1889

Rose, born in about 1891

Harry, born in about 1893 (see entry in Part III)

Frank, born on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1899. Frank was registered at Stockland School having previously been in school in Dunkeswell (see entry in Part III)

The family was recorded as living in Offwell village in the Censuses of 1891 and 1901; a niece Edith Jarvis lived with them in 1891. In 1911, the family was resident at the Forge in Stockland. Harry and Frank who were both born in Offwell were the only 2 children recorded as living at home in the 1911 Census. Harry was working as a blacksmith and Frank was still at school,

### **Service record:**

Frederick Tucker, Private 45289, South Lancashire Regiment;

Service record 2: 43110, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Worcestershire Regiment, (see notes).

According to the Pullmans Weekly News of August 1918, the War Office had informed Frederick's mother that he was "missing"; it was confirmed later that he had been killed in action on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1918. Frederick was awarded the Victory and British War Medals and his Medal Index Card is held at the Imperial War Museum.

### **Grave reference:**

II.E.4, Orchard Dump Cemetery, Arleux-en-Gohelle, Pas de Calais, France.

## VINCENT, Edward William



### Family details:

Edward's father Thomas was born in approximately 1844 in Dalwood, his occupation was a farmer. He married Rebecca, born in Colyton, when she was age 22 in approximately 1875. Rebecca had 13 children born alive.

Edward was born in Axminster and his birth was registered in Axminster in the period Jan-Mar 1892. Edward's name is not recorded in the Stockland School Admissions Register.

Some of Edward's siblings were:

Samuel F, born in about 1887. Samuel married Ellen Mary Strawbridge in 1912 at Kilmington.

Frank, born in about 1890

Else, born in about 1895

Mabel, born in about 1897

9 children were still living at the time of the 1911 Census. Edward's brother Samuel F Vincent aged 24 was living at home, he was born in Stockland and worked as a carter on a farm.

Edward was aged 18yrs at the time of the 1911 Census and was working as a carter on a farm. At the time of Edward's death in 1916 his mother was living at Mansfield, Stockland, formerly she lived at Old Barn, Axminster

### Service record:

Edward William Vincent, Private 11088, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Devonshire Regiment (see notes). Edward enlisted for active service at Axminster. He was killed in action on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1916, having served in the Army for 15 months. The Battalion War Diary for 21<sup>st</sup> July states: Battalion at Montauban occupying old German line, intermittent shelling then 6pm -10pm heavy shell and gas, 4 other ranks killed.

Edward was awarded the Victory, British War Medal and 1915 Star. His Medal Index Card is held at the Imperial War Museum.

### Grave reference:

IV. I. 2, Quarry Cemetery, Montauban, Somme, France.

## **WEBBER, Sidney**

### **Family details:**

Sidney was the son of Clement Webber, who was born in about 1860 and died on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1921, and Mary Ann (nee Gill). Sidney was born in approximately 1898 in Highampton, Devon and was the only child. Sidney and his father moved to Stockland after Mary Ann died in 1903. Clement was married again to Charlotte who was born in about 1870 and died on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1937.

Clement was the publican at the Rising Sun Inn in Stockland.

Sydney was age 13 and in school at the time of the 1911 Census when he resided with his uncle George James Webber, a farmer, of Bucehayes, Stockland. George Webber was born in Sidbury in about 1863. He was married in approximately 1894 to Jane Chown born in about 1854 in Sidbury. Also in the household was Robert Webber, another uncle, aged 65, born in Sidbury, working as a carter on a farm.

George and Jane Webber are buried in St Peter's Cemetery in Budleigh Salterton, having lived at Jersey Cottages, Granary Lane in the village in the late 1920s.

Sidney's name does not appear in the Stockland School Admissions Register.

### **Service record:**

Sidney Webber, Private 30549, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment (see notes).

Sidney enlisted for active service at Totnes when he was resident at Budleigh Salterton.

He was killed in action on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1917. The Battalion War Diary for 4<sup>th</sup> October records an attack on Polderhoek Chateau with fierce determined fighting which lasted several days resulting in many casualties: 52 other ranks killed, 189 wounded and 50 missing.

Sidney was awarded the Victory and British War Medals and his Medal Index Card is held at the Imperial War Museum.

### **Memorial references**

Sidney's name is recorded on his father and stepmother's headstone in the churchyard of St Michael and All Angels Stockland, on the Budleigh Salterton War Memorial and also on a brass plaque in the town's St Peter's Church.



Panel 38 to 40, Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

## **MEN OF STOCKLAND WHO DIED IN THE 1914-1919 WAR AND WHO ARE REMEMBERED ON OTHER PARISH MEMORIALS**

### **BOYLAND Charles**

Charles was born in Stockland in 1896, the son of Henry James and Hannah Charity Boyland, of Lower Oddle, Upottery. He joined the The Royal Marine Light Infantry, HMS Glatton, as C Boyland Private PO/16677. Private Boyland died on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1918 aged 23 and is buried in Hemyock Churchyard.

### **DOMMETT Arthur Frederick**

Arthur was born in Dalwood in 1890, the sixth child of George and Elizabeth Dommett. George worked as a carpenter. The family later lived in Shute.

Arthur enlisted at Exeter as Private, Army Number 10048 in 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Devonshire Regiment, based in Aldershot.

Arthur married Lilly, the daughter of Edward and Emma Strawbridge of North Down, at Stockland on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1915. He died of wounds on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1916 when he was serving in Mesopotamia, attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Dorsetshire Regiment, Army Number 16016. Arthur is commemorated at the Amara War Cemetery in Iraq and his Medal Index Card is held at the Imperial War Museum.

On 21<sup>st</sup> May 1919, his widow Lilly married Joseph Pym, a widower, previously married to Edith Pidgeon. Joseph was the son of Richard and Elizabeth Pym (nee Strawbridge).

### **SUMMERS Frank**

Frank was born in Stockland in September 1897 and was the son of Henry and Mary Summers, later of Dowlands Cottage, Rousdon. Frank was resident in Stockland at the time of the 1911 Census.

Frank served as a Private, Army number 103065, with 116/118 Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). He died on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1917, age 20. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium, panels 154 – 159 and 163A. Frank's name is also commemorated on the Axmouth and Rousden memorials and his Medal Index Card is held at the Imperial War Museum.

### **TRIM Edward**

Private, 61<sup>st</sup> Railhead Supply Detachment, Army Service Corps, Service No. S/307497 Edward was born in 1888 in Stockland, the son of Henry and Sarah Trim of Lyme Regis. His parents lived in Lyme Regis but in the Somerset Roll of Honour Edward is recorded as living in Mudford at the time of his death (5/11/1918). He was the husband of Edith S. Trim, 66 High Street, Burnham on Sea, Somerset.

Edward is buried in Roisel Communal Cemetery, France, extension II.E.26 and he is commemorated on the Lyme Regis War Memorials in the Parish Church and in the town. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

### **WHITE Francis W**

Francis was the son of George and Elizabeth Jane White of Woodleigh Farm, Wivelsfield, Sussex but he had been born in Stockland. He enlisted for the Army in May 1915 in Shepherds Bush, Middlesex and joined the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment, Army

Number G/5726. He was killed in action on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1916, age 20, having served at the front for 11 months. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, France, memorial reference pier and face 7c. His brother Charles was also killed in the War.

## **MEN OF STOCKLAND WHO FOUGHT IN THE 1914–19 WAR AND WHO SURVIVED**

**BEARD John**, Private 87478, Royal Field Artillery. Place of Residence Ham Farm. For details see “Dalwood Great War Memorial”

**CLAKE James**, Private 14103, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Dorsetshire Regiment. Place of residence Heathstock in 1918.

**CLEALL Arthur Eli**, Private 153890, The Machine Gun Corps. Place of residence Ridge in 1918. For details see “Dalwood Great War Memorial”

**DAVEY James**, Private 7607, Devonshire Regiment, of No 1, Ham Cottage. For details see “Dalwood Great War Memorial”

**DAVEY Harry**, of Ham. For details see “Dalwood Great War Memorial”

**DAVEY John**, Driver 18914, Army Service Corps, born in Ham. For details see “Dalwood Great War Memorial”

**DIMON Ernest**, Private 20046, (subsequent Army Number to Robert Dimon) also 9th Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment— brother to Reginald and Robert, above. He survived the war but was wounded, lost a finger, sustained hearing loss and had shrapnel embedded in his leg. After the War Ernest married Alice Pilton, sister to Albert and Walter (see below) and Frank, who died on active service (see entry in Part II). Ernest and Alice had 3 children: Phyllis (died 2008), John and Reginald. The family lived for a while at 3 Cokers Elm in Stockland.

Ernest was awarded the Victory/British War Medal and Silver War Badge.



Photo entitled "The Good Old Boys, Grandad's Army" courtesy of Ms C Alderson, daughter of Phyllis:



**DOWN Jack**, 1248, 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Devonshire Regiment. Place of residence Horner Hill in 1918.

**DOWNS Bill**, lived at Ham with his wife between 1925 and 1932 approximately. There is no entry in Forces War Record.

**EVANS Ernest Vincent**, LCpl 279846 in the Labour Corps. Place of residence Heathstock in 1918.

**FOXWELL R G**, Devonshire Regiment. Place of residence Bucehayes Farm. Suffered gunshot wounds to both wrists whilst serving in Egypt 10<sup>th</sup> April 1918.

**GOULD Charles Wilfred**, Private 201832, 1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment, normally resident at Heathstock.

**LARCOMBE Robert Henry**, 228313 AB, HMS Lupin, normally resident at Heathstock.

**LAWRENCE William**, Bdr 76963, 117<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, normally resident at the Rising Sun, Stockland.

**LOVERIDGE Jesse**, son of John and Catherine of Ham, brother of Heber who died on active service.

**MANLEY Henry (Harry)**, Private, 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment. Harry married Alice Strawbridge (or Snell) at Stockland on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1917. Alice was the granddaughter of Edward and Emma Strawbridge of North Down. Harry lost a leg in the War. After the War Harry and Alice farmed locally before moving to Stevenage to live with a niece, Ivy Roome.

**NANKIVILLE Thomas**, born 27<sup>th</sup> July 1894, son of James, a carpenter, of Stockland Hill. There is no entry in Forces War Records.

**NORTH William John**, Driver, 261658, 13<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion Royal Field Artillery, normally resident at Hill House, Stockland.

**PERRY Charles John**, Private 28426, Hampshire Regiment, of Harrisons Farm, Stockland. For details see "Dalwood Great War Memorial"

**PIDGEON Fred**, Driver, Royal Field Artillery

**PIDGEON G**, Worcestershire Regiment

**PILTON Albert James**, Gunner, 109548, joined the Royal Field Artillery at the same time as his brother Walter. Brother of Frank Pilton who died on active service (see entry in Part II). He survived the war and was about 74 when he died.

**PILTON Walter**



Gunner, 109547 Royal Field Artillery, brother of Frank Pilton who died on active service (see entry in Part II). Walter was working as a farm labourer at Land Farm, Furley, Chard in 1917. While stationed in Germany in 1920, he met and fell in love with a German girl named Bertha and they married in 1922. Back in England they lived in Membury for a few years then moved to Stoke sub Hamdon where they settled. They had five children. His death was registered at Yeovil in 1981.

**SELWAY Samuel Norman**, Private M/300774, Royal Army Service Corps, normally resident at Rose Farm, Stockland.

**SPACKMAN John**, Private 78282, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment, normally resident at Church Style, Stockland.

**STONEMAN Charles**, born in about 1877, a gardener, married to Florence, father to Florrie. There is no entry in Forces War Records.

**THOMAS Reginald**, Private RM Ply/16038, Royal Marines Depot, normally resident at Hill House, Stockland.

**TUCKER Frank**, Private 205400, Devonshire Regiment, brother to Frederick Tucker (see entry in Part II). The Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) was awarded to Frank Tucker for gallantry in the field in the face of the enemy. Conferment of the DCM gallantry award was announced in the London Gazette on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1918, accompanied by a citation. Frank was also awarded the Victory and British War Medals

**TUCKER Gilbert**, Private, son of Thomas, a farmer, and Bessie Tucker, born 16<sup>th</sup> November 1898 in Stockland

**TUCKER Harry**, born in about 1893 (see entry in Part II).

**VINCENT Frank**, Private 247453, 448 Agricultural Co, Labour Corps, normally resident at Little Hayne Farm, Stockland. Frank was twice wounded during the War. He was born in about 1890 and was the elder brother of Edward William Vincent who died on active service in 1916. By 1916, Frank's mother was living at Mansfield, Stockland, formerly she resided at Old Barn, Axminster.

**WHITE Dick**, born 5 April 1893, son of William, farmer, of Rodway

