

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, 1st 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, 8th 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 10th April 1918.

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

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

LAWRENCE William, Bdr 76963, 117th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, normally resident at the Rising Sun, Stockland.

ANDREW JAMES LONG

Andrew James Long was born in Stockland on 24 November 1890. His father was George Long and his mother was Prudence Long née Bently (or Bentley); they lived at Sand Pit Cottage, Stockland. By the time of the 1901 census he had moved to Membury and Andrew was still living in Membury in 1911.

Andrew served with the 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment (Private, 11271), enlisting on 7 September 1914, discharged on 15 December 1915 (due to wounds). He received the Silver War Badge, Victory Medal, British War Medal and 1915 Star.

On 16 December 1915 Andrew married Kate Anning in East Budleigh. He died in 1927.

Andrew had 12 siblings

PAGE LONG

See entry for brother GH Long in Part II.

Page was born 9th August 1895 and baptised in Stockland on 22nd September 1895,

In 1895 the family lived at Membury. Later, in 1907, they were at Shell Lane, Longbridge. In 1914, father William Henry was working as a labourer and lived in Webble Green.

In the 1911 Census, Page was resident in the Post Office in Stockland where he was employed as a servant. According to a family member Page served with in the Devonshire Regiment and with the Somerset Light Infantry during the War, he was based in Salisbury where "he worked with horses".

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

MANLEY Henry (Harry), Private, 8th Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment. Harry married Alice Strawbridge (or Snell) at Stockland on 15th 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 27th July 1894, son of James, a carpenter, of Stockland Hill.

There is no entry in Forces War Records.

NORTH William John, Driver, 261658, 13th 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.

SALTER Frank, Frank was the younger brother of George, below. He enlisted in the Royal Navy, serving before the War on the twin-screw yacht HMS Vivid, the tender for the Devonport naval base, Plymouth and a yacht for the port admiral. HMS Vivid was sold by the Navy in 1912 and was wrecked a year later. It is not known on which ships Frank served during the War.

Frank's wife Emmie owned Blue Ball (later of Brimpit). They had a daughter Edna, born in 1913.



SALTER George, George Salter served with both the Somerset Light Infantry (SLI) and the Hampshire Regiment (HR) in Palestine. George is shown bottom right in the photo below with two SLI comrades, taken at the camp at Sutton Veny, near Warminster. His war record is not available. It is believed he must have enlisted in the SLI (he had 2 roll numbers there), was posted to Palestine and at some point served in the Hampshire Regiment, (his service medal had a Hampshire roll number). Both the SLI and HR were in the same area of Palestine at the same time George was the husband of Emma and father of Leonard, and John, born at home at New House, Stockland in 1913. After the War George was resident at Hornshayes in 1922, where his youngest child Sylvia was born in the late twenties.



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

SPACKMAN John, Private 78282, 3rd 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 4th 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 16th 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