

Notes on:

Casualties of the First World War, 1914 – 1918, who are associated with the Parishes of St Andrew, Congresbury and St Anne, Hewish.

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Herbert Kingcott's Memorial Plaque or "Dead Man's Penny"

Photograph courtesy of Jane Bell

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INTRODUCTION: In 2017 I entered data from the 1911 census record for the Parish of Congresbury into a series of Excel spreadsheets. (These are available on the Congresbury History Group's web site, online publications).

As I entered the names of the villagers then living in Congresbury, I frequently wondered how many of them had any idea about the coming world-wide conflict of 1914-18. Some wouldn't survive it. Others would carry physical and mental scars because of it: and surely none of Congresbury's families were unaffected by the war.

It then seemed a natural progression to match the names on the memorial plate in Congresbury War Memorial Hall with the names in the 1911 Census. The pages that follow are the result.

I have organised the names listed on the memorial into groups:

- Casualties living in Congresbury in 1911
- Casualties whose families lived in Congresbury in 1911
- Casualties whose family had moved into Congresbury after the 1911 Census
- Casualties whose family lived in Hewish (these are listed separately as they are not listed on the memorial in St Andrew's Church, Congresbury, and had not been included in my transcription of the 1911 census for the parish of St Andrew, Congresbury)

Each of the following pages gives a casualty's service and where possible family details, taken from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website and extracts from the 1911 Census. The census details show information listed in the example below, with the name of the serviceman killed in the First World War shown in black italic.

1911 Census return

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
George	Fisher	Head	M	1876	35	Married	15	3	3	Walling Mason	Congresbury		The Causeway	5
Louisa	Fisher	Wife	F	1875	36	Married	15	3	3		Keynsham	Somerset	The Causeway	
<i>Leslie W</i>	<i>Fisher</i>	Son	M	1898	13					Miller's errand boy	Congresbury		The Causeway	
Robert F	Fisher	Son	M	1902	9					School	Congresbury		The Causeway	
Edward E	Fisher	Son	M	1907	4						Congresbury		The Causeway	

There may also be other information for which I can provide a reference, but for many I only have Census and CWGC details. For some I have been able to contact relatives through genealogical websites. This has produced letters and photographs for which I am very grateful.

The national memorial for individual casualties can be viewed by going to the website of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission <https://www.cwgc.org/> or <https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead/>; then select Advanced Search *Find war dead:* and enter the serviceman's name and service number from my record, and also select *First World War*.

Information about most of the casualties can also be found on the Imperial War Museum's website <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/>

I have written this revised version because initially the Inniskillings Museum was unable to find Private George Henry Bishop on any memorials. In October 1918 I successfully applied to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Records Team for Private Bishop to be added to one of their memorials, and his name is now on the Tyne Cot Memorial Addenda Panel 165. The Tyne Cot Memorial bears the names of almost 35,000 officers and men who died in the Ypres Salient whose graves are not known.

Casualties living in Congresbury in 1911

Private Sidney James Ball, Service Number 242544, 1st/5th Bn., Gloucestershire Regiment. He died on 26 June 1917. He is Remembered with Honour in the Arras War Memorial, located in the Faubourg d'Amiens British Cemetery, Arras. He was a bell ringer at St Andrew's Church.

Private Ball's family lived at Oak Farm, Congresbury. The **1911 Census return** shows him living with his parents and 6 brothers and sisters, all of whom worked on the farm.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
George	Ball	Head	M	1849	62	Married	27	8	7	Farmer	Backwell	Somerset	Oak Farm	8
Anne Louisa	Ball	Wife	F	1859	52	Married	27	8	7		Wraxall	Somerset	Oak Farm	
George Frederick	Ball	Son	M	1885	26	Single				Working on farm	Backwell	Somerset	Oak Farm	
William Charles	Ball	Son	M	1887	24	Single				Working on farm	Backwell	Somerset	Oak Farm	
Sydney James	Ball	Son	M	1888	23	Single				Working on farm	Backwell	Somerset	Oak Farm	
Anne Louisa	Ball	Daughter	F	1889	22	Single				Working on farm	Backwell	Somerset	Oak Farm	
Albert Henry	Ball	Son	M	1891	20	Single				Working on farm	Backwell	Somerset	Oak Farm	
Arthur Stanley	Ball	Son	M	1894	17	Single				Working on farm	Backwell	Somerset	Oak Farm	
Alice Matilda	Ball	Daughter	F	1897	14					Working on farm	Backwell	Somerset	Oak Farm	

The National Probate Calendar shows that he was married:

BALL Sidney James of Congresbury **Somersetshire** private 1/5th battalion Gloucestershire regiment died 26 June 1917 in France on active service Administration **London** 8 February to Anne Louise Ball widow.



Sub-Lieutenant Douglas Nowell Colson D S C, H.M. S/M. (Submarine) "E.18.", Royal Naval Reserve. He died on 11 June 1916 age 24.

He was the son of Frederick and Margaret Colson, of "Blisscot," Blissford, Fordingbridge, Hants. Born at Douglas, Isle of Man.

"Drowned 11th June 1916 – ship lost in the Baltic". (Portsmouth Naval Memorial).

The photograph of Sub-Lieutenant Colson can be found in his entry on the Imperial War Museum website <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/> contributed by Andrew Needs.

Admiralty: Royal Naval Reserve: Officers' Service Records show that Lt. Coulson served on the Aquitania, the Carmania and Submarine E1 as well as Submarine E18:

Service record (D N Colson): Aquitania 7/08/14 (Midshipman) to Sept. 1914; Carmania Sept. 1914 (Midshipman) to 08/07/15 (on which date he was promoted to Sub-Lieutenant with seniority from 14/09/14; Submarine E1 Nov. 1915; Submarine E18 Feb. 1916 until his death.

14/09/14: earned the Distinguished Service Cross: "Action between Carmania and German amc Cap Trafalgar (*armed merchant cruiser*) which later was sunk. Mr Colson took the fire hose into the Chart House (which was on fire) and in spite of being burned by falling wood managed to get the charts out".

London Gazette 10th April 1915 reported:

To receive the Distinguished Service Cross. For services in the action between H.M.S. " Carmania " and the German Armed Merchant Cruiser "Cap Trafalgar," on 14th September 1914, when the latter vessel was sunk— Chief Gunner Henry Middleton. Acting Sub-Lieutenant George Frederick Dickens, R.N.R. Midshipman (now Acting Sub-Lieutenant) Douglas Nowell Colson, R.N.R.

The wreck of H M sub. E18 was discovered in 2009 – see web page <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8321516.stm>. The following is an extract from the BBC account:

Sub's wartime grave discovered

By James Landale

BBC News

The wreck of a British naval submarine lost for more than 90 years has been found in the Baltic Sea off the coast of Estonia.

HMS E18 - with its complement of three officers and 28 ratings - went out on patrol in May 1916 and was never seen again.

The submarine was one of a handful sent to the Baltic during World War I by Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, to disrupt German shipments of iron ore from Sweden and support the Russian navy.

E18 left its base in the Russian port of Reval - now Tallinn, the capital of Estonia - on the evening of 25 May 1916 and headed west.

The following day she was reported to have engaged and torpedoed a German ship.

A few days later, possibly 2 June, she is believed to have struck a German mine and sunk with all hands.

Such was the success of the eight submarines in the Baltic that it was here the Germans developed the convoy system to protect their shipping.

E18 carried five torpedo tubes and a 12lb gun on deck. It had a top surface speed of 15 knots, submerged it could make 10 knots. With its four diesel and electric engines and its twin screws, it had a surface range of about 3,000 nautical miles; submerged it could cover more than 60 nautical miles.

The **1911 Census record** shows that Sub-Lieutenant Colson's parents had 11 surviving children, and that his was a much-travelled family.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Frederick	Colson	Head	M	1852	59	Married	35	13	11	Public Works(?) Contractor Agent	Norton	Worcestershire	The Firs Rhodyate Hill	10
Margaret	Colson	Wife	F	1857	54	Married	35	13	11		Gillingham	Kent	The Firs	
Elsie Dora	Colson	Daughter	F	1880	31	Single				Not Recorded	Brackenfield	Derbyshire	The Firs	
Ida	Colson	Daughter	F	1884	27	Single				Not Recorded	South Cave	Yorkshire	The Firs	
Ethel	Colson	Daughter	F	1887	24	Single				Not Recorded	Queenstown	Ireland	The Firs	
Douglas Newell (Nowell)	Colson	Son	M	1892	19	Single				Midshipman RNR	Douglas	Isle of Man	The Firs	

Sub-Lieutenant Colson's brother, Private Archibald Colson also died in World War 1 (see page 24).

Private F. Cox 42215. 1st Bn. Somerset Light Infantry. He died 24th October 1918. Aged 22.

Private Cox was the son of Henry Charles and Mary Cox of Hewish, Bristol. His Pension Record gives his address as Full Quart Farm, Hewish.

Place of Enlistment – Aberdare Glamorgan: Died of wounds. (*Soldiers died in the Great War 1914-1919 Transcription*)

He is Remembered with Honour in the Ramillies British Cemetery.

The **1911 Census record** shows that Private Cox came from a large family.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Henry	Cox	Head	M	1856	55	Married	27	9	9	General Labourer	Congresbury		Dolmor Cottage	6
Mary	Cox	Wife	F	1857	54	Married	27	9	9		Wick St Lawrence		Dolmor Cottage	
Alice	Cox	Daughter	F	1886	25	Single				Not Recorded	Hewish		Dolmor Cottage	
Albert	Cox	Son	M	1891	20	Single				Not Recorded	Hewish		Dolmor Cottage	
Fred	Cox	Son	M	1897	14					Not Recorded	Hewish		Dolmor Cottage	
James	Cox	Grandson	M	1909	2						Not recorded		Dolmor Cottage	

Private Leslie William Fisher 265946, "A" Coy. 2nd/5th Bn., Gloucestershire Regiment. He died on 03 June 1917 aged 19.

Private Fisher was a chorister and bell ringer at St Andrew's Church. He was the son of George and Louisa Fisher, of Congresbury, Bristol.

He is Remembered with Honour in Tilloy British Cemetery, Tilloy-Les-Mofflaines. (Tilloy-lès-Mofflaines is a village 3 kilometres south-east of Arras).

The **1911 Census record** shows that Private Fisher was aged 13 and would then have just left school.

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Private Frank Morley Gill 188, 3rd Field Amb., Australian Army Medical Corps. He died on 22 August 1915, aged 22.



Photograph courtesy of Julie Wookey

Private Gill was the son of James and Mary Ann Gill, of The Birches, Congresbury, Somerset, England.

He is Remembered with Honour at the Beach Cemetery, Anzac, Gallipoli.

The **1911 Census record** shows Private Gill working as a Carrier and living with his family at Birches Cottage.

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James	Gill	Head	M	1864	47	Married	26	3	3	Carpenter	Banwell	Somerset	Birches Cottage	5
Mary Ann	Gill	Wife	F	1862	49	Married	26	3	3		Yatton Keynell	Wiltshire	Birches Cottage	
Reginald Walter	Gill	Son	M	1887	24	Single				Mason	Congresbury		Birches Cottage	
Sidney Albert	Gill	Son	M	1889	22	Single				Miller	Congresbury		Birches Cottage	
Frank Morley	Gill	Son	M	1892	19	Single				Carrier	Congresbury		Birches Cottage	
Irene Elizabeth	Gill	Lodger	F	1887	24	Single				Teacher	Long Ashton	Somerset	Mill Cottage	

Private Gill emigrated to Australia and worked as a Linesman. He was an active member of the Young Men's Christian Association in Perth, Western Australia. He enlisted on 3 September 1914 at Blackboy Hill in the State of Western Australia. Here he trained as a stretcher bearer before going to Egypt and Lemnos for further training. (Source: Julie Wookey).

At Gallipoli he had a gunshot wound to his right hand and was admitted to hospital between 5/6/1915 and 17/6/1915.

Family records, courtesy of Julie Wookey, include these letters, the first written by Private Gill to friends in Perth, Western Australia, YMCA:

"Dear Tru – Just a few lines to let you know I am still alive. You must excuse the writing as I have been wounded (only slightly) in the right hand, one bullet catching me in the palm of the hand and one chewing up one of my fingers. I have not had to go away but am off duty, and I suppose I shall be off for a few days yet. You have no doubt heard of poor old Don Cadoux's death. He poor fellow, never even got out of the boat, he was shot clean through the heart. We have lost a good number of our men, but have been able to do good work; the losses sustained are nothing when realise what a tough proposition was set before us. You also have heard Amos died of wounds, I have no doubt. Amos only got about 100 yards inland, and through the misfortune of war I was the first to get to him. I picked him up within a few minutes of his getting hit, but did not give him much chance: he had a big wound in his back and also one in his head. I did not know he died until I received the Sunday Times with his photograph in. He was always game and as he said to me he paid the price, but thanked God that he had been able to do his duty... I am keeping very fit and well and hope that I may soon be put on duty again. This letter (you) will no doubt think is a pretty morbid one, but I am afraid to say too much in case the censor cuts it out. My word, the landing was simple great. We landed just before dawn in small boats, had to jump out of these up to our necks in water and wade ashore; at the same time be it mentioned, bullets were whistling all around us, and casually hitting a few men. Previous to this I should have told you we were brought 15 or 20 miles on a torpedo boat. My word, it was splendid to see the navy men working – they absolutely refused to take any notice either of bullets or shrapnel, but for them we could not have carried on. However we, or a least the majority, got through alright, and are still longing to be up and at them. Remember me to all, with best wishes to yourself. (Letter from Frank Gill, June 6 to 8th 1915)"

"Perth YMCA Oct 20th 1915

The good-humoured face of Frank Gill will no more greet us in the rooms of the YMCA, and his short but bulky form will no more help his side to victory in our athletic games. He lies beneath the sod in a foreign clime, and we look proudly, but with tears not far off, towards the last resting place of Frank Gill and over a score of other Perth YMCA soldiers. Frank was a type of the regular YMCA man in touch with all sides of Association life – spiritual, mental and physical – and we sorrow greatly at this loss. He died in defence of the things we hold most dear "

"Syd Butterfield 1 AGH, Helipolis 21 Oct 1915

It was not until last evening I hear the very sad news of Frank Gill's death. A fellow had come in belonging the Third Field Ambulance – he happened to be Frank's mate, they had been right through together. He told me all about it. Frank was sitting in his dug-out after finishing his shift, waiting for some of the other fellows to come along before having tea, when a stray shell lobbed right alongside him killing him instantly. This fellow, speaking of Frank, said " He was as brave as the bravest, a man of the highest morals, one of whom you would never hear using foul language". He helped bury Frank and it is seldom, he said, that he is so moved as he was that day. By Frank's death our association

has lost one of its very finest men. He was a man, every inch of him. Our association has done magnificently; what a fine crowd of fellows have gone forward to do their bit"



Photograph courtesy of Julie Wookey

Frank Gill upon his enlistment at Black Boy Hill is third from the left, standing. The man to his left in the photograph is "The man with the donkey" (Pte John SIMPSON) a celebrated figure of the Gallipoli landings, who is commemorated by many statues, including one in his home town of South Shields.

Private Gill's brothers, Reginald and Sidney, also served as medics in the First World war. They both survived.

Corporal H A Kingcott M2/166867, 967th Mechanical Transport Coy., Royal Army Service Corps. He died on 03 February 1919 aged 23.

Son of Josiah and Eliza Ann Kingcott, of Congresbury, Bristol.

He is Remembered with Honour in Kantara War Memorial Cemetery. (Kantara War Memorial Cemetery is situated at Kantara East on the eastern side of the Suez Canal, 160 kilometres north-east of Cairo and 50 kilometres south of Port Said).



Photographs courtesy of Jane Bell

Corporal Kingcott is believed by his family to have enlisted while under age (see also Private Lambert). He was a motor mechanic and was sent to Bazra in Mesopotamia (present-day Iraq).

The Mesopotamian campaign was a disaster. It was investigated by a Parliamentary Commission that reported in July 1917. Paragraphs 57 and 58 of the report, (below) give a flavour of its findings. Read more – but be aware that some descriptions are horrific - at http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/firstworldwar/transcripts/battles/meso_comm.htm

57. There are two methods of concealing a failure. The first is to suppress all mention of it. The second is to obscure its significance by the glare of a contemporaneous achievement. The first method was, as we have seen, used at the first battle of Kut. It was the second method which obtained after the battle of Ctesiphon, when the military success of withdrawing all the wounded in the face of a pursuing enemy diverted attention from the grave medical defects which were disclosed in the course of that operation.

58. We do not here enter fully into the details of the Battle of Ctesiphon and of the lamentable breakdown of medical arrangements which followed it. This is done at length by the Vincent-Bingley Commissioners and elsewhere in our own Report. [footnote: See Part X., para. 24]. It will be sufficient to recapitulate that a tactical victory was turned into a strategical defeat: General Townshend was obliged to retire before superior forces with casualties amounting to approximately one-third of the force with which he entered into battle. Over 3,500 wounded had to be removed from the battle field to the river bank, in some cases a distance of ten miles, without proper ambulance transport, and with an insufficiency of medical personnel, of food and of comforts, so that a large proportion had to make their way on foot in spite of their injured condition. When they arrived at the river, the available steamer accommodation was gravely inadequate. The wounded and weary men had to be crowded into steamers and barges without sufficient medical attention, appliances, or conveniences. Some of the wounded were disembarked at Amarah, but the majority went on down to Basra, a journey from the battlefield, which, in some cases, took as much as fourteen days, and the discomforts of which were aggravated for the wounded by the presence on board of many cases of dysentery and other sickness.*

The report can be found in full at

https://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100036338403.0x000002

The report found the military system of administration, managed by the Imperial Indian Government, to have been cumbrous and inept (Part XII – Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations, paragraph 27). This view is reflected in the comments made by Corporal Kingcott in a letter to his brother, and he mentions the Mesopotamia Report.

On 27th July 1917 Corporal Kingcott was stationed in southern India and wrote a letter to his brother Arthur in Canada, a copy of which is held in the archives of the Imperial War Museum and shown below. Arthur was living in a wooden shack that he had built himself – Corporal Kingcott sarcastically describes this as a mansion!

166867 MTASC Depot Bangalore S.India

Dear Arthur,

Just a few lines to thank you for your two letters of Dec. 22nd and May 19th which I got within a few days of each other. Your Dec. one reached here in Feb. sent to Bombay and they looked up an old address I gave them and sent it back a few days ago, it was the one with Albert's photo in. I was

very glad to get them, he has not alter a great lot has he. But I can't say much for the fashion of clothes you use out in your part. But of course you have not many girls out there.

What a great place your mansion is "The house that father built". But it answers the purpose. Up in Mesopotamia we had some fine mansions usually known as huts, the sides (or walls) were latticework of Bamboo canes, the roof was made of mud, to keep the heat off. No stone is found down around that part. Brick is used, but they are only sunburnt. But now I think they are near some hills perhaps they can quarry stone there. They imported a lot for road making down around Basra. There were no roads at all when the British went there first.

But things have altered a lot during the past year. They have a water supply from the river. The transport is better and better food. That what did the troops up there before was the rotten food. Some has heard about it in the Mesopotamia report. Some supply and transport (Indian ASC ??) have been busy robbing the troops and government they got court-marshal. The officer got imprisonment and discharged. The n.c.o. got imprisonment. The officer got imprisonment and discharged. The n.c.o. got imprisonment and reduced. The Indian government can be swindled of millions as easy as anything in some departments. Some who has the billets have made enough and bought rows of houses in England.

The Quarter-masters are another lot of swindlers selling all they can to outsiders, charge the troops for stuff, and all blankets they get if in good condition they get it cleaned and re-issue as new. I always said and will do the army is nothing but a swindle from beginning to end and when I am clear of it I am keeping clear. I wish I was in Ireland it's the safest place on earth I think. We shall be going down into our new camp soon. I was doing a repair to a car two days last week whilst the other men were away. I am expecting to be on another one before long. We have no workshop yet or lorries but we hope to get them before long. The draft from England got redirected to the Gulf and good luck to them. It will be ? confusion ? up there next month.

I hear they made a slight advance. They do not seem to be doing much on the western front. I did hear the Russian has made an advance of 25 miles on a fifty-mile front. But it was the other way about. One of the regiments has gone over the other side and the Germans has been making good their success.

I heard that Bill Wear paid 2/9 a gallon for cider at a sale at home the other quilty(?) averaged 2/3, what a price to pay for it. I heard that Weaver the dealer I think is dead. Reg Wear is living on Mendip. I wonder what happened to Dick Eyeris. He tried for a commission but failed.

Did Albert get a letter that I posted on the 5th inst. And by the way, when are you going to have your photo taken. I (am) glad to hear you got your shed in but you will be harvesting by the time you get this I suppose. This is the exact time your letter has taken written May 17th postmark is indistinct but look like 21st. reached Bombay 15th July, waiting at censors office for 4 days and I get it on 22nd July. I guess it's what you might call a greased lightning postal service. The boat only used to take 21 days from England to India now they usually take 30 days.

They were turning it into a fortnightly service but I think it has fallen through as they seem to come as before. How will conscription affect you if it pass in Canada. How many acres of land have you and Albert got each with your new lot.

Is it possible to use a steam plough or motor traction on your settlement. Would it be possible to start at one end and plough to the other. What does a outfit consist of and what kind of plough are you using. How many horses

I am afraid the motoring trade will not be up to a lot after the war, and I do not care a great lot about farming. Treasure hunting would suit me down to the ground, I want to make a big pile quick. But after the war I (am) going to have a look around England first. There might be a couple making a match of it then.

I must now close hoping this will find you and Albert quite well.

From your affectionate Brother Herbert

(Albert to whom Herbert refers to was the eldest Kingcott brother from Brinsea Batch Farm and who went to Canada to farm on the prairie - source family history).

Corporal Kingcott survived the war but did not survive the voyage home. His British Army Service Record states that he died of pneumonia on 3rd February 1919. His effects are thought by the family to have been returned by Private Percy Wear of Stonewell Farm, Congresbury, who is the seated figure with Corporal Kingcott in the photograph below. Private Wear was the brother of Corporal H F Wear, who died in 1919 (see below).



Photograph of Herbert Kingcott and Percy Wear courtesy of Jane Bell. The Absent Soldiers List 1918 gives Herbert Kingcott's rank as "Private" suggesting that his promotion and therefore this photograph took place in late 1918, early 1919.



Photograph of Herbert Kingcott courtesy of Jane Bell. Corporal Kingcott is the soldier on the right. The two other soldiers are unknown; on the left is a lance-corporal, centre a sergeant. The photograph was taken on the way home, almost certainly in 1919, and cannot have been taken long before Corporal Kingcott fell ill.

The **1911 Census record** shows that Kingcott brothers lived at Brinsea Batch Farm.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Howard	Kingcott	Head	M	1886	25	Single				Farmer	Yatton	Somerset	Brinsea Batch Farm	9
William	Kingcott	Brother	M	1888	23	Single				Farmer	Yatton	Somerset	Brinsea Batch Farm	
Arthur	Kingcott	Brother	M	1890	21	Single				Working on farm	Yatton	Somerset	Brinsea Batch Farm	
Rowland	Kingcott	Brother	M	1894	17	Single				Working on farm	Yatton	Somerset	Brinsea Batch Farm	
Herbert	Kingcott	Brother	M	1896	15	Single				Working on farm	Yatton	Somerset	Brinsea Batch Farm	
Sidney	Kingcott	Brother	M	1900	11	Single				School	Congresbury		Brinsea Batch Farm	
Lillian Grace	Kirby	Servant	F	1895	16	Single				Between maid	Bristol	Bristol	Cadbury House Yatton	

Private LAMBERT, P W: Service Number PLY/17485: H.M.S. "Tiger." Royal Marine Light Infantry. Awarded the Medal of St. George, 4th Class (Russia). He died 24 December 1917, aged 18.

Private Lambert is Remembered with Honour Dunfermline Cemetery.

Cause of death: skull fracture, caught between gear(?) loading cage and trunk in turret: accidental death. (UK, British Army and Navy Birth, Marriage and Death Records 1730 – 1960).

His parents were William Henry Lambert and Elizabeth Harriet nee Lambert who married in 1898 in Barton Regis, Gloucestershire. The **1911 Census record** shows that Percival Lambert lived with his sister and mother – his father had by that time died – in the household of Cyril Gent Wood. His mother later married Thomas J Elliot in 1914.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Cyril Gent	Wood	Head	M	1863	48	Single				Living on own means	Stapleton	Bristol	Yeowood Wrington	9
Elizabeth Harriett	Lambert	Housekeeper	F	1870	41	Widow	N/R	2	2	Housekeeper	Bristol	Bristol	Yeowood Wrington	
Thomas John	Elliott	Groom	M	1883	28	Single				Groom	Treherbert	Wales	Yeowood Wrington	
Percival William	Lambert	Housekeepers child	M	1900	11					School	Bristol	Bristol	Yeowood Wrington	
Elsie May	Lambert	Housekeepers child	F	1909	9					School	Kingswood	Bristol	Yeowood Wrington	

Private Lambert's Service Record, (Admiralty: Royal Marines: Registers of Service held in the National Archive) shows that he enlisted in the Royal Marine Light Infantry on the 20th October 1914 and gave his date of birth as 30 May 1897. It was subsequently recognised on his service record that he was 222 days under age when he enlisted. He was working as a gardener at the time of his enlistment.

HMS Tiger fought at the Battle of Dogger Bank, in January 1915, and at the Battle of Jutland, May 1916.

The Royal Museums Greenwich website has a picture of the 'Tiger' in her 1915-16 condition, after Jutland.

Read more at <http://collections.rmg.co.uk/collections/objects/125942.html#lukevTRSMfPZQ8PS.99>

The Devon heritage web page has an account by an officer in the engine room of the Tiger at Jutland.

Read more at <http://www.devonheritage.org/Places/DevonCounty/JutlandHMSTiger.htm>

The Medal of St George, 4th Class was a Russian Imperial award for bravery, and internet searches suggest that Private Lambert's medal could have been awarded for gallantry at the Battle of Jutland.

Private P. Payne 132795, 8th Training Bn, Royal Army Medical Corps. He died on 26 June 1918, age 21.

Private Payne was the son of Mrs. E. J. Payne, of The Slip, Congresbury, Bristol. Born at Yatton.

Private Payne is Remembered with Honour in Yatton (St Mary) Churchyard.

The **1911 Census record** shows that Private Payne's family lived in The Slip, which from its position in the census record I am guessing was in the Kent Road area on the opposite side of Kent Road to a housing development that replaced The Bell Inn.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Elizabeth	Payne	Head	F	1860	51	Widowed	20	7	4	Charwoman	Banwell	Somerset	The Slip	4
Walter	Payne	Son	M	1890	21	Single				Carter	Yatton	Somerset	The Slip	
Sidney	Payne	Son	M	1894	17	Single				Indoor Servant	Yatton	Somerset	The Slip	
Percy	Payne	Son	M	1896	15					Errand Boy	Kingston Seymour	Somerset	The Slip	
William	Payne	Son	M	1899	12					School	Yatton	Somerset	The Slip	
Georgina	Peterkin	Servant	F	1883	28	Single				Servant	Keig	Aberdeenshire	Rhodyate House	

Private Payne died at Baker's Lane, Wrington of phthisis (probably best described as tuberculosis) – source Death Certificate.

Prior to serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps Percy Payne held the rank of Private, Service Number 47212, in the Northumberland Fusiliers, Royal Army Medical Corps. (Source: Lives of the Great War, an Imperial War Museum website).

Private Oliver Charles Sims 4438, 1st (King's) Dragoon Guards. He died on 30 October 1914, aged 31.

Private Sims was the son of William and Lucy Sims, of Congresbury, Bristol; and the husband of Mrs. E. A. Sims, of 4, Castle Terrace, Yatton, Bristol.

Remembered with Honour Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

While the **1911 Census record** doesn't give a specific address for the family, the neighbouring property in the census is Walnut Tree farm.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
William C	Sims	Head	M	1852	59	Married	30	11	10	Coachman	Congresbury		Congresbury	5
Lucy	Sims	Wife	F	1861	50	Married	30	11	10		Nailsea	Somerset	Congresbury	
Oliver C	Sims	Son	M	1882	29	Single				Not recorded	Nailsea	Somerset	Congresbury	
Elsie M	Sims	Daughter	F	1892	19	Single				Not recorded	Congresbury		Congresbury	
George B	Sims	Son	M	1895	16	Single				Not recorded	Congresbury		Congresbury	
Bertie W	Sims	Son	M	1898	13					Not recorded	Congresbury		Congresbury	
Arthur H	Sims	Son	M	1900	11					School	Congresbury		Congresbury	
Leonard L	Sims	Son	M	1902	9						Congresbury		Congresbury	
William H	Sims	Son	M	1904	7						Congresbury		Congresbury	
Lillian	Sims	Daughter	F	1906	5						Yatton	Somerset	Congresbury	5

Private Sims married Elizabeth Agnes Cook on June 7th, 1911, when he worked as a Baker (Yatton Marriage Register). He enlisted in Langford.

Attached to the First Life Guards he was missing in action and presumed dead on or after October 30th 1914 at Ypres.

Corporal H F Wear P/6688, Military Foot Police, Military Police Corps. He died on 29 November 1918 and is Remembered with Honour in Congresbury (St Andrew) Churchyard.

The **1911 Census record** shows that Corporal Wear was a member of a large family, living at Stonewell Farm.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Harriet	Wear	Head	F	1858	53	Widowed	34	12	12	Farmer	Congresbury		Stonewell Farm	11
William	Wear	Son	M	1881	30	Single				Farmer	Congresbury		Stonewell Farm	
Annie	Wear	Daughter	F	1883	28	Single				Farmer	Congresbury		Stonewell Farm	
May	Wear	Daughter	F	1886	25	Single				Farmer	Congresbury		Stonewell Farm	
Sidney	Wear	Son	M	1888	23	Single				Farmer	Congresbury		Stonewell Farm	
Ethel	Wear	Daughter	F	1891	20	Single				Farmer	Congresbury		Stonewell Farm	
Reginald	Wear	Son	M	1893	18	Single				Farmer	Congresbury		Stonewell Farm	
Herbert	Wear	Son	M	1896	15	Single				Farmer	Congresbury		Stonewell Farm	
Percy	Wear	Son	M	1898	13					School	Congresbury		Stonewell Farm	
Ernest	Wear	Son	M	1899	12					School	Congresbury		Stonewell Farm	
Norman	Wear	Son	M	1900	11					School	Congresbury		Stonewell Farm	

His brother Percy Wear is shown in a photograph with Herbert Kingcott on page 13.

Herbert Francis Wear died at Stonewell farm, Congresbury. The cause of death was Influenza and Pneumonia.

Note: at some point before he died Corporal Wear transferred from the Military Foot Police to the 449th Agricultural Labour Corps Service No: 439867 and held the rank of Lance-Corporal. (UK Army registers of Soldiers' Effects and Commonwealth War Graves Commission archive. The Absent Voters' List 1918 and his Death Certificate give his service number for the Military Foot Police but his regiment as the 449th Agricultural Labour Corps Service).

Casualties whose family lived in Congresbury in 1911

Private Archibald Colson 106145, 1st Regt., Canadian Mounted Rifles. He died on 10 December 1915 aged 22.

He was the son of Frederick and Margaret Colson, of "The Haven," Pinehurst Rd., West Moors, Dorset.

In 1911 his parents were living at The Firs, Rhodyate Hill.

Private Colson is Remembered with Honour in Trois Arbres Cemetery, Steenwerck, Nord-Pas-de-Calais.

The **1911 Census record** for Congresbury shows his family who lived in the village at the time.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Frederick	Colson	Head	M	1852	59	Married	35	13	11	Public Works(?) Contractor Agent	Norton	Worcestershire	The Firs Rhodyate Hill	10
Margaret	Colson	Wife	F	1857	54	Married	35	13	11		Gillingham	Kent	The Firs Rhodyate Hill	
Elsie Dora	Colson	Daughter	F	1880	31	Single				Not Recorded	Brackenfield	Derbyshire	The Firs Rhodyate Hill	
Ida	Colson	Daughter	F	1884	27	Single				Not Recorded	South Cave	Yorkshire	The Firs Rhodyate Hill	
Ethel	Colson	Daughter	F	1887	24	Single				Not Recorded	Queenstown	Ireland	The Firs Rhodyate Hill	
Douglas Newell (Nowell)	Colson	Son	M	1892	19	Single				Midshipman RNR	Douglas	Isle of Man	The Firs Rhodyate Hill	

Private Colson's brother, Sub-Lieutenant D. N. Colson also died in World War 1 (see page 7).

In 1911 Private Colson was living at West Hill, Heytesbury, Wiltshire as a Farm Pupil (Source 1911 Census data). He joined the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force on December 23rd, 1914, giving his occupation as "Farmer". He enlisted in Brandon, Manitoba (Source C.E.F. attestation papers), having arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1913 (Source Canadian Passenger Lists).

Henbury Parish Magazine War Diary, 1st January 1916: The Vicar Charles Way writes: The end of the year has brought the news of others connected with the parish who have laid down their lives in battle. Mr Colson, Sir John Aird's head engineer during the construction of the Avonmouth Dock, lived at one time at Coombe Dingle, just outside Henbury Parish, and their large family came most regularly to Church. Archie

was confirmed here on February 4th 1910, and soon afterwards went to Canada. In those days, when only a lad, he gave promise of becoming a fine fellow; now at the age of 22 years he has fallen in battle. We are proud to record his link with Henbury. (*Source: Lives of the Great War, an Imperial War Museum website; added by Jan Vaughan*).

Private E W Edwards 201606, 3rd/4th Bn., Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). He died on 30 December 1917 aged 40.

He was the son of John and Eliza Edwards, of Congresbury, Somerset.

Private Edwards is Remembered with Honour in Flesquieres Hill British Cemetery, Nord, France (near Cambrai).

The **1911 Census record** shows Private Edward's family living in The Causeway, Congresbury.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Alfred John	Edwards	Head	M	1855	56	Married	30	5	2	Baker	Congresbury		The Causeway	4
Eliza	Edwards	Wife	F	1859	52	Married	30	5	2		Congresbury		The Causeway	
Agness Kate	Edwards	Daughter	F	1885	26	Single				Laundress	Congresbury		The Causeway	

In 1881 Ernest Edwards, then aged 3, was living with his parents in Venus Street, Congresbury. (Source 1881 Census data).

Private Herbert William Fisher 47140, 1st/5th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment. He died on 17 September 1918 aged 36.

He was the son of William and Harriett Fisher, of Congresbury, Bristol; and the husband of Helena Ida Fisher, of 40, Alma St., Abertillery, Monmouthshire.

Private Fisher is Remembered with Honour in Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais.

The **1911 Census record** shows Private Fisher's parents living in Venus Street, Congresbury.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	Postal Address	Rooms in house
William	Fisher	Head	M	1847	64	Married	39	11	8	Farm Labourer	Congresbury	Venus Street	4
Harriet	Fisher	Wife	F	1853	58	Married	39	11	8		Yatton	Venus Street	
Reginald	Fisher	Son	M	1887	24	Single				Miller	Congresbury	Venus Street	
Olive Edith	Fisher	Grandaughter	F	1899	12					School	Congresbury	Venus Street	
Eleanor Harriet	Fisher	Grandaughter	F	1909	2						Congresbury	Venus Street	

In September 1907 Private Fisher had married Helena Ida Millett at Croyden Register Office. (British Army WW1 Service Records).

In 1911 he and his wife lived at 40 Alma Street, Abertillery. (1911 Census data).

When he enlisted in 1916 they had a son, William Forride Fisher, aged 2. (British Army WW1 Service Records).

In addition to the York and Lancaster Regiment, British Army Service Records show that Private Fisher also served in the Army Service Corps, Service number S4/215878 (1916); and the 4th Battalion Manchester Regiment, Service number 62147 (no date given).

Private Fisher's British Army World War 1 Service Record gives his height as 5 ft 7 ¼ inches, his chest girth fully expanded as 35 ⅓ inches and the range of extension as 2 ½ inches.

Second Lieutenant Austin Gundry Simmonds 5th "A" Res. Bde., Royal Field Artillery. He died on 02 June 1917 aged 20.

Second Lieutenant Simmonds was the son of Thomas George and Amy E. Simmonds, of The Hill, Congresbury, Somerset. He initially registered as a Conscientious Objector. The Military Service Tribunal, Axbridge gave him exemption from Combatant Service conditional on the Friends Ambulance Unit. He joined the Friends Ambulance Service on January 5th, 1915. (Conscientious Objectors' Register 1914-1918).

On February 2nd 1915 the Western Dailey Press reported:

AMBULANCE WORK AT DUNKIRK. CONGRESBURY GENTLEMAN'S MISSION. Mr. Austin Gundry Simmonds, of Congresbury, has sailed for Dunkirk to take up work amongst the sick and wounded who are under the care of the Friends' Ambulance Unit Dunkirk and district. The work is established and carried in connection with the British Red Cross, and includes the base hospital of St. Pierre at Dunkirk and a special typhoid hospital in the same town. In the district, the civilian hospital of the Sacre Coeur and typhoid hospital are in full operation, whilst an increasing amount of medical and surgical work being undertaken throughout the district, in addition to which a motor field kitchen tours round providing meals for the destitute.

The National Archive Medal Index Cards gives the following information:

Service record: Corps: British Red Cross Society

Second service record: Soldier Number 762263; Rank: Private; Corps: London Regiment

Third service record: Rank: Second Lieutenant; Corps: Royal Field Artillery

Second Lieutenant Simmonds died in Lough Rea (River Shannon) Westmeath, Ireland. (National Probate Calendar). His death was due to a boating accident on June 2nd, 1917. He is buried at Cornamagh Cemetery, Co. Westmeath (Conscientious Objectors' Register 1914-1918).

The Norwich Mercury Saturday June 23rd 1917 reported:

A verdict of "Accidental drowning" was returned at an inquest at Athlone on the body of Lieutenant A. G. Simmonds, of Conglesbury (sic), Somerset, and Lieutenant W.M.Livesey, of Manchester. A fortnight ago they were sailing on Lough Ree when, during a squall, their boat overturned, both men being drowned. Full details of the accident are given in a transcription of "Ireland: National Roll of Honour 1914 – 21" which can be viewed on the webpage for Second Lieutenant Simmonds on the Imperial War Museum's website <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/>

The **1911 Census record** shows Second Lieutenant Simmonds boarding at Sidcot School, Winscombe, a Quaker school and that his parents lived in Congresbury. (see page 29)

Second Lieutenant Simmonds' brother, Lionel, also died in World War 1.

Private Lionel Gundry Simmonds 472790, 54th Bn., Canadian Infantry who died on 11 September 1916 Age 23.

Private Simmonds was the son of Thomas George and Amy Elizabeth Simmonds, of The Hill, Congresbury, Somerset, England.

Remembered with Honour Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, near Ypres.

The **1911 Census record** shows Private Simmonds working as a farmer (as the farmer's assistant) at South Week Farm, Chulmleigh, North Devon.

Private Simmonds emigrated to Canada on March 23rd, 1912. His Attestation Paper for the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force, dated 9th December 1915, gives his address as Halcyonia, P.O. Sask., and his occupation as Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds therefore lost both of their children because of the First World War. In 1911 they were living on the Wrington Road, Congresbury.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Thomas George	Simmonds	Head	M	1856	55	Married	18	2	2	Commercial Clerk - Alkali Works	Bristol	Gloucestershire	The Hill, Wrington Road	11
Amy Elizabeth	Simmonds	Wife	F	1854	57	Married	18	2	2		Congresbury		The Hill, Wrington Road	

A T P S Spicer

There is no listing for this name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission web site. However it is probable that the following memorial refers to him:

Private Arthur Spicer 31420, 19th Bn., Welsh Regiment who died on 22 December 1915 age 30.

Son of Arthur and Rhoda Spicer, of Dorsetshire; husband of Mona Spicer, of 1, Olive St., Aberavon, Glamorganshire.

Remembered with Honour Aire Communal Cemetery.

The **1911 Census record** shows Arthur and Rhoda Spicer living in Congresbury.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Arthur	Spicer	Head	M	1855	56	Married	31	8	4	Commercial Traveller - Tea trader	Wincanton	Dorset	Lilly Cottage	7
Rhoda	Spicer	Wife	F	1852	59	Married	31	8	4		Hayle	Cornwall	Lilly Cottage	
Rhoda	Spicer	Daughter	F	1885	26	Single				Not recorded	Hayle	Cornwall	Lilly Cottage	
Monica	Spicer	Daughter	F	1891	20	Single				Dressmaker	Hayle	Cornwall	Lilly Cottage	

The on-line database Military-Genealogy.com shows that Private Arthur Spicer 31420 enlisted in Aberavon and was born in Diss, Norfolk.

The Bishops Transcripts, Norfolk, lists Arthur Philip Shepheard Spicer, born 14th July 1883 to Arthur Ebenezer Spicer and Rhoda Spicer and christened in Shelfanger, Norfolk (3 miles away from Diss).

The UK Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929 states that Private Spicer died in France of Pneumonia, and that he and Mona were married in Keynsham in 1912.

Casualties who moved or whose family moved into Congresbury after the 1911 Census Return.

Private George Henry Bishop 41801, 7th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Death presumed on or since 16 August 1917.

Son of George H. and Emily Bishop; husband of Annie Bishop, of Congresbury, Somerset.

Remembered with Honour TYNE COT MEMORIAL Addenda Panel 165.

The “Soldiers Died in the Great War database © Naval and Military Press Ltd 2010” gives the following information:

First name(s)	George Henry
Last name	Bishop
Service number	41801
Rank	Private
Regiment	Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers
Battalion	7th Battalion.
Birth place	Milton, Weston-Super-Mare Somerset
Residence	Bristol
Enlistment place	Taunton
Death year	1917
Death day	16
Death month	8
Cause of death	Killed in action
Death place	France & Flanders
Theatre of war	Western European Theatre
Supplementary Notes	FORMERLY 30607, SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY.

George Henry Bishop was the husband of Annie Clara Wear, of Stonewell Farm, Congresbury. They were married at St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury on December 15th, 1915. George Bishop's residence at the time of his marriage was in Worle, and his occupation was given as "Farmer".

In addition to the "Soldiers Died in the Great War database", Private Bishop is recorded in several documents. He is listed as a fatality in *The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in the World War*, by Sir Frank Fox, and in *The Book of the Seventh Service Battalion the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers*, by G. A. Cooper-Walker. Additionally, the *Record of Soldiers' Effects* gives the date of his death and the gratuities paid to his widow Annie Bishop.

Private Bishop died during the Third Battle of Ypres. On August 16th 1917, the 7th and 8th Battalions of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers were, amongst others, ordered to attack the Langemark-Gheluvelt objective. A description of the battle is given in pages 114-121 of *The Book of the Seventh Service Battalion the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers*. The following are brief extracts from the book:

Page 114 - On the evening of the 14th – 15th August the battalion moved forward to its preparatory positions for the attacks. Our strength in personnel had been greatly minimised since we first came into this area, partly from the casualties we had sustained between the 6th and 10th of the month, and partly owing to an unusually heavy toll of trench fever..... Most of the companies going into the action had no W.O's or N.C.O's

Page 118 – During the night (of the 15th August) the enemy kept up a slow rate of artillery fire, and at uncertain times swept our lines with machine-gun fire..... The hostile action caused us some irritation, and a certain amount of unavoidable delay was caused in taking up our positions. At the moment the climatic conditions were quite sufficient impediment to our progress without being shelled at intervals. Every step taken meant sinking inches deep in mud.

By 2.30 a.m. all troops were in position and the battle opened at 4.45 a.m. The 7th Inniskillings captured all their objectives right up to the Langemark-Gheluvelt line but were subsequently forced back by overwhelming numbers. Casualties were severe. The Special Order addressed to the 7th Inniskillings by Colonel Young D.S.O. on August 21st states that: *Out of 20 officers and 472 men who went into action, only 7 officers and 114 other ranks came out with the battalion.*

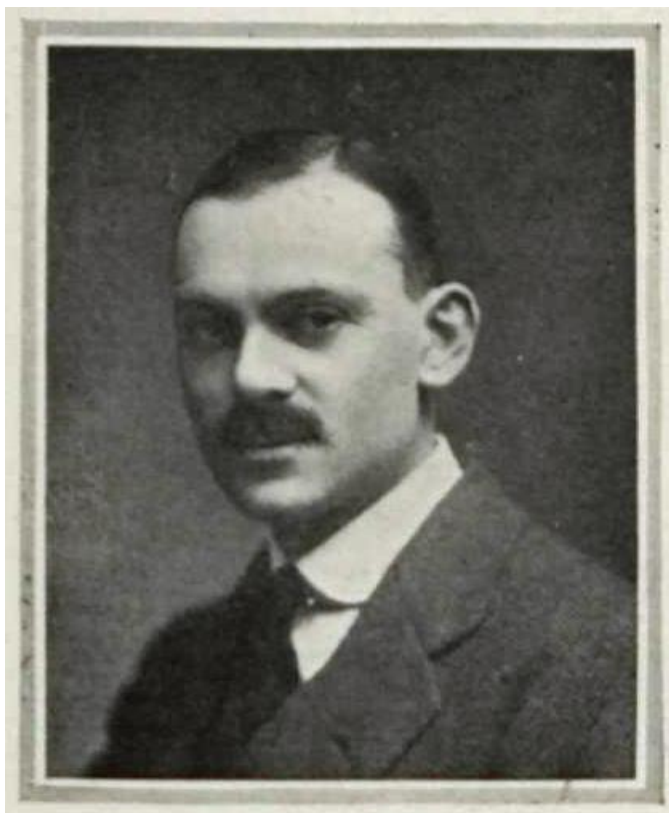
On the 23rd August Colonel Young issued a second special order addressed to the 7th and 8th battalions of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers amalgamating them as one battalion because of the heavy losses sustained leading up to and on August 16th, 1917. (Source: *The Book of the Seventh Service Battalion the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers*.)

Lieutenant Oliver Dunham Melville Garsia 1st Bn., Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. He died on 18 September 1914 Age 28.

Lieutenant Garcia is Remembered with Honour at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial (La Ferte-sous-Jouarre is a small town 66 kilometres to the east of Paris).

Lieutenant Garsia had joined the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry from the Royal Garrison Artillery Militia in May 1905 and was promoted Lieutenant in November 1908. (Army and Navy Gazette October 3rd, 1914). He was a qualified Russian interpreter (Army & Navy Gazette, September 5th, 1914). Lieutenant Garcia was born at Riccarton, Christchurch, New Zealand, on 18th November 1885. He was the fourth son of Captain Christopher Garcia. (GBM Bond of Sacrifice Volume 1 pp 199-200). At some time after the 1911 Census his father moved to Woodlands, Congresbury (War Office records).

The following is an extract from Lieutenant Garsia's biographical note in GBM Bond of Sacrifice Volume 1 pp 199-200. [*The bond of sacrifice; a biographical record of all British officers who fell in the Great War by Clutterbuck, L. A; Dooner, W. T.*].



Lieutenant Garsia was killed at the Battle of the Aisne on the 18th September, 1914. One who knew him well said he was as staunch and sincere as he was brave and fearless, a true soldier, and a very gallant gentleman.

A Private of his battalion, writing some time after, said: "I don't think there are more than sixty or seventy of us left in the battalion that came out first. . . . My section had to advance up a slope or hill, and my Lieutenant, Mr. Garsia, got shot through the neck."

The Press, Christchurch, Volume L, Issue 15122, 11 November 1914 reported:

A CHRISTCHURCH OFFICER KILLED.

LIEUT. OLIVER GARSIA

Private advices received in Christchurch report the death of Oliver Dunham Melville Garsia, lieutenant in the 1st Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, who was wounded at the Battle of the Aisne.

A correspondent sends us the following: His old Christchurch friends and schoolfellows will learn with sorrow that Oliver Garsia's name appears in the "Roll of Honour" of the gallant officers who lost their lives at the Battle of the Aisne. The fourth son of Captain Garsia, for so many years associated with the promotion of Art in Christchurch as secretary of the Canterbury Society of Arts, he was born at Riccarton on November 18th, 1883. Like his four brothers, he was educated at the Christchurch Boys' High School; all five entered the Services. Hayley, the eldest, who was in the Indian Army, died some years ago. Clive, who is in the Royal Artillery, was in August stationed at Southampton as embarkation officer, and is by this time probably at the front. Eric saw service in the South African war; Rupert, who was in the Dominion last year as lieutenant in H.M.S. New Zealand, has since the outbreak of the war, been on H.M.A.S. Australia; Oliver was in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry — a record of service to the Empire of which their old father, himself a veteran of the Mutiny, may well be proud. Oliver became second-lieutenant in the Duke of Cornwall's L.I. on May 20th, 1905 and was promoted lieutenant on November 18th, 1908. In a letter written from the Curragh Camp on August 11th last, two days before the regiment left for the front, he speaks with almost boyish enthusiasm of his men. "I wish you could see the battalion now, with all the Reservists in—fine men, with square chins and chests like gorillas. They are nearly all foreign battalion men. The whole barracks seems to smile at me these days. You can't imagine what it is all like. It is all too glorious for words. All our Home service officers feel that they will never be able to stand Home service again, now that they have seen what it is like to command men and not pimply faced boys..... Everything here is quiet but cheery. We all know what we are in for, and anything in the way of work is taken very seriously. God help the German troops that bump ours. Very few of us will come back, but the show will be worthwhile. Remember me to my friends, and if it turns out to be good-bye, give them that also."

Those who knew and remember Oliver Garsia best will realise how truly characteristic of him is that same sentence that precedes the last: to him, in all things, "the show" was always "worthwhile." I knew Oliver Garsia well. He was as staunch and sincere as he was brave and fearless: a true soldier and a very gallant gentleman.

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Private Edward J. Reakes 44096, 9th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He died on 19 March 1918, aged 33.

Private Reakes was the husband of Ellen Reakes, of Station Cottage, Congresbury, Bristol.

Remembered with Honour Tincourt New British Cemetery.

Edward and Ellen married in Bristol in 1915 (Source: Marriage Register). When he died in 1918 Private reakes had three step-daughters and one daughter through marriage to Ellen (UK, WWI Pension Ledgers and Index Cards, 1914-1923)

The *Soldiers Who Died in the Great War* database gives his full name as Edward James Reakes, his birthplace as Chesterblade, Somerset, and his rank as Lance-Corporal in the 9th Battalion King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry); that he died of wounds and formally served in the 6th T.R. Battn., service number 5/22119.

The 1901 Census shows an Edward Reakes, born in Chesterblade, living with his father Robert and mother Elizabeth at 3 Speedwell Road, Bristol. Edward was working as a porter at an inn. He appears to have been 36 when he died.

Major Arthur Godfrey Staveley Mentioned in Despatches 50th Bde., Royal Field Artillery who died on 24 March 1920 age 47.

Major Staveley was the son of General Sir Charles Staveley, G.C.B., and Lady Staveley; husband of Margaret Evelyn Staveley, of Sturford, Walton-by-Clevedon, Somerset.

Remembered with Honour Cologne Southern Cemetery

The London Gazette of Friday 31st December 1915 lists Major Staveley among those recommended for gallant and distinguished service in the field by Field-Marshal French, Commanding in Chief The British Army in France in his despatch to the Secretary of State for War, 30th November 1915.

1919 Kelly's Directory of Somerset lists Major Staveley as living at Fair Orchard, Congresbury (Near Rhodyate House, inhabited by Dr Caroline Sturge (retd.) in 1911.

Hart's Army List For 1915 lists Arthur Godfrey Staveley's Service Record as Second Lieutenant, Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery on 22nd August 1900; as Lieutenant on 22nd August 1903 and as Captain 26th February 1912.

The 1911 Census Return for Fullwood Barracks, Preston, Lancashire shows that Lieutenant Staveley, age 39, was unmarried. He married Margaret E Whittaker in 1912 in Chorley, Lancashire. (England & Wales Marriages 1837-2005).

Major Staveley died of pneumonia in 36 Casualty Clearing Station, Cologne (Death certificate). He is buried in Cologne Southern Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany (Ancestry.co.uk family records).

The National Archive Medal Index Cards Transcription records that at the time of his death Arthur Staveley held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Royal Field artillery.

Casualties whose family lived in Hewish in 1911

Private H L J Edwards 68943, 7th Bn., The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). He died on 08 August 1918.

Remembered with Honour Beacon Cemetery, Sailly-Laurette, 19 kilometres east of Amiens.

Harry Lewis Jifford Edwards was baptised at St Anne's Congresbury (Hewish) on February 5th 1899. He was the son of Ralph Edwards, a farmer, and Helen Jifford Edwards. (The baptismal record also shows that he had a brother, Cecil Edward Ralph Edwards, baptised on February 6th 1898).

Private Edward's birth was registered at Axbridge in January 1889.

The **1911 Census record** shows the family living at The Oaks, Hewish, with Private Edwards recorded by his second name, Lewis.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Ralph	Edwards	Head	M	1853	58	Married	14	3	3	Farmer	Wick St Lawrence	Somerset	The Oaks Hewish	10
Helen Jifford	Edwards	Wife	F	1864	47	Married	14	3	3		Birmingham	Warwickshire	The Oaks Hewish	
Cecil	Edwards	Son	M	1898	13						Hewish	Somerset	The Oaks Hewish	
Lewis	Edwards	Son	M	1899	12						Hewish	Somerset	The Oaks Hewish	
Irene	Edwards	Daughter	F	1903	8						Hewish	Somerset	The Oaks Hewish	
Ethel	Sanders	Assistant	F	1880	31	Single					Bristol	Somerset	The Oaks Hewish	
Fred	Sparrow	Assistant	M	1889	22	Single					Wick	Gloucestershire	The Oaks Hewish	

Private Edwards died in action. (UK Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929)

Private W R Kimmins 7909, 6th Bn., Somerset Light Infantry. He who died on 13 September 1915 age 28.

Private Kimmins was the son of William and Rosina Kimmins, of Hewish, near Bristol.

Remembered with Honour in Le Treport Military Cemetery, 30 kilometres north-east of Dieppe.



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The **1911 Census record** shows Private Richard Wm. Kimmins as serving as a Private in the 2nd Battalion Somersetshire Light Infantry in Malta. He was stationed at St. Andrew's Barracks.

His family were then living in Hewish:

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	Postal Address	Rooms in house
William	Kimmins	Head	M	1855	56	Married	28	10	8	Invalid (formerly wagoner on farm)	Congresbury	Hewish	4
Rosina	Kimmins	Wife	F	1862	49	Married	28	10	8	Charwoman	Congresbury	Hewish	
Herbert	Kimmins	Son	M	1897	14	Single				Farm Labourer	Congresbury	Hewish	
Stanley	Kimmins	Son	M	1900	11					School	Congresbury	Hewish	
Arthur	Kimmins	Son	M	1903	8						Congresbury	Hewish	

Note: all census returns except the 1911 Census return for Malta spell the family name as Kimmins.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission and WW1 pension records use the spelling *Kimmiens* while the spelling in the 1911 census return for the St. Andrew's Barracks is unclear.

Private Kimmins died of wounds, leaving a widow Lucy Jane and daughter Rosina Lucy. (UK, WWI Pension Ledgers and Index Cards, 1914-1923)

Private Reginald Charles Neath 1248, 9th Bn., Devonshire Regiment. He died on 30 September 1915, aged 24.

Private Neath was the son of Charles and Eliza Jane Neath, of "Clevedon View", Hewish, Bristol.

Remembered with Honour Loos Memorial, 5 kilometres north-west of Lens.

Private Neath was killed in action (UK, WWI Pension Ledgers and Index Cards, 1914-1923)

The **1911 Census record** shows Private Neath living with his family in Hewish.

First names(s)	Family name	State	Sex	Approx d.o.b.	Age	Marital status	Years married	Total children	Children Living	Occupation	Birthplace (Parish or Town)	County of birth	Postal Address	Rooms in house
Charles	Neath	Head	M	1863	48	Married	25	5	4	Ganger on railway GWR	Yatton	Somerset	Hewish	4
Eliza Jane	Neath	Wife	F	1864	47	Married	25	5	4	Housekeeper	Hewish	Somerset	Hewish	
Reginald Charles	Neath	Son	M	1892	19	Single				Railway porter GWR	Long Ashton	Somerset	Hewish	
Herbert John	Neath	Son	M	1896	15	Single				Grocers assistant	Worle	Somerset	Hewish	
Ernest George	Neath	Son	M	1901	10	Single				School	Worle	Somerset	Hewish	
Cecil Herbert	Rubery	Visitor	M	1904	7					School	Bristol	Glos	Hewish	

Private Reginald C. Neath's Service Number is given as 12048 in the Imperial War Museum website livesofthefirstworldwar.org

**The following also served in His Majesty's
Forces (transcribed from the memorial in
Congresbury War Memorial Hall)**

Allen	C. W. D.	Burdge	S. J.	Fellows	G.
Andow	H.	Burdge	T. L.	Fisher	G.
Atherton	S. J.	Champion	H. J. T.	Fisher	W.
Atherton	AE	Champion	P. S.	Fisher	R.
Atherton	A. W.	Champion	H.	Gill	R. W.
Atherton	H. H.	Champion	D.	Gill	S. A.
Atwell	W. A.	Cockram	T. C.	Gill	W. J.
Avery	S. T.	Colson	H. F.	Gobell	D. W.
Avery	C. H.	Cornish	S. R.	Hair	F. A.
Avery	A. J.	Cox	Rd.	Hamlin	J. E.
Baker	C. F.	Cox	R.	Hamlin	G. J.
Ball	A. S.	Cox	H.	Harvey	C
Ball	A. H.	Cox	N.	Hemmens	E. F.
Banwell	A.	Cox	F.	Hemmens	H. F.
Barber	W.	Cox	A.	Hillman	G. J. P.
Bell	W.A.	Cox	J.	Hillman	F.
Blackmore	H.	Crook	S.	Hobbs	R. J.
Body	F.	Crook	J.	Hooper	W. C.
Bradbury	A. J. A.	Cupp	W. S.	Hunt	A. E.
Braund	F.	Denning	C. G.	Hunt	A. A.
Bridges	R.	Dibble	E. F.	Hunt	W. H.
Bridges	W. C.	Earle	J. A.	Hunt	A.
Bridges	S. W.	Edwards	W. G. C.	Kimmins	H. C.
Browning	V. G.	Edwards	E. J.	Kimmins	S. J.
Burford	F.	Emerson	J. B.	King	W. R.
Burdge	E. H.	Farr	F. P.	King	H. J.

Kingcott S. O.
 Light F.
 Light G. O.
 Light W. J.
 Maidment E. W.
 Maunsell-Eyre L. F.
 Maunsell-Eyre R.
 Meaker A.
 Osbourne E. H.
 Osmond F. T. H.
 Osmond E. S.
 Overd C.
 Palmer W. H.
 Palmer A. J.
 Parr A. W.
 Parsons G.
 Payne W.
 Payne S.
 Payne Wm.
 Phillips J.
 Pinnell J.
 Portch W. A.
 Portch S. A.
 Price J. W.
 Radford H. S.
 Rawlins F. W.

Reynolds H. H.
 Richards A.
 Richards E. A.
 Richards J. H.
 Richards F. C.
 Ridley W.
 Roe E.
 Sainsbury F.
 Sims H. J.
 Sims G. B.
 Sims H. W.
 Sims A. H.
 Sheppy M.
 Skidmore W.
 Smith H.
 Sparey H. J.
 Sparey C. B.
 Sparey W. J.
 Sparey H. J.
 Standen G. W.
 Standen A. J.
 Standen W.
 Stevens F.
 Summers A.
 Sweeting W.
 Taylor S.

Taylor S. C.
 Thatcher E. T.
 Thomas F. G.
 Thomas A. E.
 Thomas H.
 Tripp W.
 Tucker A.
 Tucker F. C.
 Walter S. A.
 Walter W. A.
 Wear P. F.
 Weaver H. G.
 Woodman H. J. C. B.
 Yeels A.

 Avery Alice E.
 Fisher Florence
 Lambert Daisy
 Woodman Mary L.

The Absent Voters' List, 1918

On 6th February 1918 Royal Assent was given to an Act of Parliament that reformed the British electoral system. The Representation of the People Act, 1918, gave the right to vote in parliamentary elections to men over the age of 21, whether they were property owners or not, and to women aged 30 and over who owned property with a rateable value above £5.00, or whose husbands did.

In recognition of their sacrifice to the nation men who turned 19 during war service could also vote even if they were under 21 at the time of a parliamentary election. Those servicemen who were entitled to vote but were away from home were listed on the Absent Voters' List. Inclusion on the list meant that a serviceman could vote by proxy or by post.

The following pages are a transcript of the Absent Voters' List for Congresbury Polling District compiled in 1918. I have been unable to verify the date of publication and whether the information was provided by the servicemen or their families. Some of them were to die before the end of hostilities; others within up to 2 years after the end of World War 1.

The list gives each serviceman's name, location of qualifying premises, description of service and regiment, ship, number, rank or rating.

The terms of reference of the list mean that the names of servicemen under the age of 19 were not included.

ABSENT VOTERS' LIST, WESTON-SUPER-MARE DIVISION
CONGRESBURY POLLING DISTRICT K
Parish of Congresbury

No.	Name in full	Qualifying premises	Description of Service
1698	Allen, Cecil Wallace	Congresbury	62225 Pte., M.G.C.
1699	Atwell, Wilfred	Old Inn	245618 Pte., 448 Agr. Co., L.C.
1700	Atherton, Charles James	Hewish	16470 A.B., H.M.S. "Duke of Edinburgh," R.N.
1701	Atherton, Albert Edward	Woodhill	203905 Pte., 2/5 th S.L.I.
1702	Atherton, Sidney John	Congresbury	94847 Pte., R.E.
1703	Avery, Arthur John	Causeway	202517 Pte., 2/4 th S.L.I.
1704	Avery, Sidney Thomas	2 South View, Hewish	460106 Pte., 449 Agr. Co., L.C.
1705	Ball, Albert Henry	Congresbury	Dead
1706	Ball, Arthur Stanley	Congresbury	415942 Pte., Garrn. Grd. Co.
1707	Banwell, Alfred	The Causeway	M2/052581 Pte., 7 Mble., A.S.C.
1708	Beacham, Henry James	Rolestone, Hewish	117657 Gnr., 253 Sge., R.G.A.
1709	Betteridge, Alfred	Brinsea Road	275287 Pte., 449 Agr. Co., L.C.
1710	Blackmore, Harry	Station Road	508088 Spr., 234 F.C., R.E.
1711	Bradbury, Henry Joseph	Ashcrofts	Capt.A.V.C., 23 rd Bde., R.F.A.
1712	Braund, Fred	7 Glen Yeo Terrace	202820 Cpl., 4th Res. Wilts

No.	Name in full	Qualifying premises	Description of Service
1713	Bridges, Wallace Claud	Rhodyate Hill	43486 Gnr., 138 H.B., R.G.A.
1714	Browning, Victor	Congresbury	D.R. 335503 Pte., I.W.D.E., R.E.
1715	Burdge, John Sydney	Causeway Farm	551021 L.-Cpl., 2/16 th Lon.R.
1716	Champion, Harry	Causeway	388946 Pt., A.S.C.
1717	Champion, Harry	The Farm Hewish	Pte., 5 th Worcesters
1718	Champion, Percy Stuart	The Farm Hewish	469053 Pte., 626 Agr. Co., L.C.
1719	Champion, Richard	Congresbury	506169 Pte., Wessex E.
1720	Chick, Henry Webber	Congresbury	207044 Pte., Middlesex
1721	Collings, William	Congresbury	20322 Shg. Smth., 4 th D. Gds. (Res.)
1722	Cox, Albert Edward	Hewish	295351 Pte., 3 rd (O.K.) Hussrs.
1723	Cox, Arthur John	Hewish	165323 Pte., N.S.Yeo. 7 Dn. G.
1724	Cox, Frank	Poplars Farm, Waywick	31834 Pte., 1 st Devons
1725	Cox, Herbert	Congresbury	364693 Dvr., B.T.H.D. E.E.F.
1726	Cox, Richard	Congresbury	498033 Pte., R.E.
1727	Cox, William Alfred	Poplar Farm, Waywick, Hewish	203401 Pte., S.L.I.
1728	Denning, Cecil George	The Causeway	439333 Pte., R.A.M.C. Res.
1729	Dinham, Thomas	Congresbury	140037 Pte., A.S.C.
1730	Earle, John Anderson	Congresbury	Lt., 695 th -Coy., A.S.C.
1731	Fisher, George	Congresbury	250230 Spr., R.E.

No.	Name in full	Qualifying premises	Description of Service
1732	Fisher, Reginald	Congresbury	093998 Pte., A.S.C.
1733	Fletcher, Herbert	Congresbury	Y M C A B. Lines
1734	Gabell, William	Station Rd.	223583 Dvr., 74 th Bty., R.F.A.
1735	Garsia, Rupert Clare	Woodlands	Lt. Commdr., H.M.S. "Sidney"
1736	Garsia, Willoughby Clive	Congresbury	
1737	Gill, Sidney Albert	Congresbury	36125 Pte., 2/4 th D.C.L.I.
1738	Gill, William James	Congresbury	60453 Pte., Ryl. Welsh Fus.
1739	Greenslade, Alfred James	The Slip	305818 Cf. Str., R.N.. M.T.E.
1740	Hair, Edwin Andrew	The Nook	315683 Spr., Rly. Op. Div.
1741		(Blank)	
1742	Hale, William Henry	Hewish	13993 Pte., 10 th Devons
1743	Hamlin, George James	Rhodyate	158804 Gnr., 443 Bty., R.G.A.
1744	Hamlin, William George	Congresbury	94548 Pte., R.F.A.
1745	Hardwicke, Edward	Silver Street Farm	M2/181208 Pte., A.S.C.
1746	Hale, Leonard	East Hewish	389879 Pte., 449 Agr. Co. L.C.
1747	Harvey, George	King Rd.	19334 Pte., 5 th Dorsets
1748	Hemmens, Henry	Broadstone	13456 L.-Cpl., 10 th Devons
1749	Hillman, George James Portch	Congresbury	466317 Pte., R.E.
1750	Hooper, William Charles	Congresbury	9260 Pte., 155 Lbr. Cps.

No.	Name in full	Qualifying premises	Description of Service
1751	Hunt, Alfred Edward	Woodbine Cottage	
1752	Hunt, Arthur	Congresbury	38243 Pte., 1/4 th S.L.I.
1753	King, Richard William	Venus Street	176316 Gnr., 7/54 th R.F.A.
1754	Kingcott, Herbert	Brinsea Batch	147/1666867 Pte., A.S.C.
1755	Kimmings, Herbert Cecil	Hewish	165331 Pte., 7 th Drgn. Gds.
1756	Lee, George	Hewish	528508 Pte., 626 Agr. L.C.
1757	Light, Francis Henry	Station Road	23421 Pte., 2 Ryl. Fus.
1758	Light, George Owen	Congresbury	225221 Sgt., A.S.C.
1759	Light, Owen William	Congresbury	
1760	Neath, Herbert John	Clevedon View, Hewish	69627 L.-Cpl., 6 th Tank Cps.
1761	Nichols, Harry	Rose Cottage, Hewish	190278 Spr., 262 Rly. C., R.E.
1762	Osborne, Edgar Hubert	Congresbury	203213 Pte., 1/4 th S.L.I.
1763	Osmond, Francis Thomas	Hewish	25782 Pte., Gren. Gds.
	Hurley		
1764	Osmond, Samuel	Hewish	152756 Pte., R.G.A.
1765	Palmer, Charles	Nary's Cottage, Hewish	37022 Pte., 1/4 th S.L.I.
1766	Palmer, Francis Ernest	Congresbury	2426 S.-Sgt. 26 th Vet. Hsptl. A.V.C.
1767	Palmer, William	Congresbury	260228 Spr., 268 th R.C., R.E.
1768	Payne, Reginald William	Yeo Mead Lodge	3377 L.-Cpl., M.M.P.

No.	Name in full	Qualifying premises	Description of Service
1769	Payne, Sidney	Spring Batch	17663 Pte., 2/1 st Montgmy. Y.
1770	Payne, Walter Stanley	Kent Road	37454 Pte., 1/4 th S.L.I.
1771	Payne, William	Congresbury	
1772	Phillips, Henry James	Henley Wood Cottage	201662 L.-Cpl., 4 th S.L.I.
1773	Portch, Sidney Albert	Congresbury	M.-Sgt., 14 th Glosters
1774	Price, Joseph William	Congresbury	180376 R.N., H.M.S. "Vernon"
1775	Quick, Edwin Harry	Jubilee Cottage, Hewish	210292 A. L.-Cpl., 2/4 th S.L.I.
1776	Radford, Herbert Samuel	Woodlands	54739 Pte., R.A.M.C.
1777	Rawlings, Frank William	Congresbury	7/280381 Pte., 778 M.T. A.S.C.
1778	Richards, Alfred	Moor Villa	391976 Pte., 449 Agr. Co., L.C.
1779	Richards, Edward Charles Richardson	Moor Villa	30863 Pte., 626 Agr. Co., L.C.
1780	Richards, John Henry	Moor Villa	17226., Pte., 6 th Ryl. Drgns.
1781	Rowe, Edwin James	Moor Villa	391976 Pte., 626 Agr. Co., L.C.
1782	Sheppy, Maurice	The Homestead	M/2132251 Cpl., A.S.C.
1783	Silk, Leonard Nelson	Smallway	55138 Spr., 109 th R.C. R.E.
1784	Sims, George	Congresbury	
1785	Sims, Herbert William	Causeway	1/7 09399 852 nd Co., A.S.C.
1786	Skedmore, William	The Moor	392152 Pte., 652 Agr. Co., L.C.

No.	Name in full	Qualifying premises	Description of Service
1787	Sparey, Charles Bob	Broad Street	J.4951 Ldg. Sea., H.M.S. "Grafton"
1788	Sparey, Harry	Broad Street	13783 Pte., 1 st Devons I.
1789	Spiller, Edward Arnold	Woodbines	66036 Pte., 8 th Worcesters I.
1790	Standen, Arthur John	Congresbury	21517 Cpl., Coldstream Gds.
1791	Standen, Wilfred	Congresbury	13296 Cpl., M.F.P. P.
1792	Standen, William Gordon	Broad Street	163346 Pte., 603 rd M.T., A.S.C.
1793	Staveley, Arthur Godfrey	Congresbury	7 th Res. Bty., R.F.A. Major
1794	Sweeting, Walter Henry	Brinsea	94596 Gnr., 86 Bde., R.F.A.
1795	Thatcher, Edward Thornton	Brinsea	235027 Pte., Hants
1796	Thomas, Herbert	Smallway	31818 Pte., D.C.L.I., 1/4 th Btn.
1797	Thomas, Albert Edward	Venus Street	2337 Pte., R.A.M.C. R.S.Cnvty.
1798	Tucker, Fredk. Charles	Glen Yeo Terrace	190450 Pte., 170 Lbr. Co.
1799	Wakefield, William James	Cyprus Cottage, Kent Road	7/088040 Pte., A.A., A.S.C.
1800	Walter, Stanley Ackland	Congresbury	175346 Dvr., M.T., A.S.C.
1801	Walter, Wallace Augustus	Congresbury	M/2/193575 Pte., 33 rd ., A.S.C.
1802	Wear, Herbert Francis	Stonewell Farm	6688 L.-Cpl., 449 Agr. Co. L.C.
1803	Wear, Percy Frederick	Stonewell Farm	226662 Dvr., 75 th R.F.A.
1804	Weaver, Henry George	Congresbury	245372 Pte., 850 Agr. Co.
1805	Wreford, Fredk. Stanley	Post Office, Hewish	17559 P.O.J., H.M.S. "Thunderer"