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Albert Edwin Haim

Private, 7th Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) (No. G/21780); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 18204)

Born about August 1881 in Blandford.

Son of Ephraim (a groom) and Matilda Haim.

Married Alice Pitman in Blandford in 1905.

Father of one son and one daughter.

Lived in North Street, Stourpaine.

Worked as a butcher.

Killed in action during the attack on Desire Trench on the Somme on 18th November 1916, aged 35.

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

Albert Sidney Lane

Private, 6th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, attached to 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment (No. 15205)

Born about May 1893 in Blandford.

Fourth son of Frederick (a groom, who died in 1898) and Annie (who died on 8th September 1917) Lane of 4 Lawrence Yard, White Cliff Mill Street, Blandford.

Married Margaret Ellen Chown in Blandford about September 1914.

Father of two sons, Frederick A. (born about October 1914, died about October 1915) and Albert S. (born about February 1917).

Worked as a labourer.

Posted to France 23rd December 1915.

Killed in action at Montauban on 1st July 1916 (the first day of the Somme offensive), aged 23.

Buried in Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt, Somme.

(His eldest brother, Henry, died of wounds in 1918; his elder brother, Frederick, was also killed on 1st July 1916; his younger brother, Reginald, was killed in 1917; his elder brother, William, survived the war)

Albert Victor Hiscock

Rifleman, 4th Battalion, Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own) (No. 2475)

Born about July 1887 in Blandford.

Son of George Stephen (a glover) and Sarah Ann Hiscock of 22 East Street, Blandford.

Worked as a labourer.

Enlisted in 1907; posted to France December 1914.

Killed in action at Ypres on 4th May 1915, aged 27.

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres.

Alfred Douglas Cherry

Captain, Dorsetshire Regiment, attached to Somerset Light Infantry; previously London Regiment (No. 1734)

Born about August 1890 in Blandford.

Son of Alfred (a draper) and Florence Cherry of Milldown House, Blandford.

Lived in Fulham in 1911.

Worked as a Clerk for the Education Board.

Posted to France May 1916.

Killed in action on 4th April 1917, aged 26.

Buried in Wanacourt British Cemetery, Nord-pas-de-Calais.

His Younger brother, Kenneth, was killed in 1915.

Alfred James Hibbs

Able Seaman, Hawke Battalion, Royal Naval Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (No. Z/1431)

Born on 15th April 1884 in Ansty.

Son of Robert West (a brewer's labourer) and Lucy Jane Hibbs.

Married Alice May Holvey (who died in 1911), in Blandford in 1906.

Father of one son and one daughter.

Lived in Ansty Terrace, Victoria Road, Blandford.

Worked as a brewer's stoker.

Killed in action on 3rd September 1918, aged 34.

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Harcourt, Nord-pas-de-Calais.

His Younger brother, Ernest, died of wounds in 1915.

Alfred John Naylor

Private, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, (No. 7729).

Born about August 1884, in Blandford.

Son of Alfred (a groom, who died in 1893) and Mary Naylor; Mary re-married to George Watts in 1902; they lived at Barn's Yard, East Street, Blandford.

Married Sarah Lydia Mills in Blandford, in August 1914.

Lived at 1 Albert Place, Albert Street, Blandford.

Worked as a labourer.

Enlisted in 1905; served in India; posted to France August 1914.

Killed in action near Bethune on 13th October 1914, aged 30.

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Touret Memorial, Richebourg-l'Avoue, Nord-pas-de-Calais.

Alfred John Skew

Private, 5th Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's, (Wiltshire Regiment)
(No. 18775).

Born about February 1890, in Hordle, Hampshire.

Youngest son of John (an agricultural labourer) and Louisa Skew.

Married Elsie May Orchard in Lymington in 1910.

Lived in Lymington; Elsie moved as a widow to 42 White Cliff Mill Street, Blandford.

Father of one daughter.

Posted to the Balkans July 1915; wounded at Gallipoli August 1915.

Killed in action on 19th April 1916, aged 26.

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq.

Arthur Prince

Private, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, (No. 10130).

Born about August 1887, in Blandford.

Son of William (a groom who died in 1891) and Mary Prince of Hardy's Yard, East Street, Blandford.

Married Agnes Virtue Guy in Blandford in 1911.

Father of one son and one daughter.

Lived at Stour Row, Shaftesbury.

Worked as a gardener.

Enlisted August 1914; posted to the Balkans on 1st July 1915; sustained gunshot wound to the head on 20th August 1915.

Died of wounds aboard Hospital Ship 'Alaunia' on 30th August 1915, probably aged 28.

Buried at sea and commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.

B Thomas

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Bernard John Arscott

Private, 8th Battalion, Prince Albert's, (Somerset Light Infantry) (No. 15085); previously Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (No. 13387).

Born about February 1891, in Blandford.

Son of William (a grocer) and Elizabeth Mary Arscott of 23 Salisbury Road, Blandford.

Worked as a grocer's assistant in Weymouth in 1911.

Posted to France September 1915.

Killed in action during the attack on Fricourt on 1st July 1916 (the first day of the Somme offensive), aged 25.

Buried in Gordon Dump Cemetery, Ovillers -la-Boisselle, Somme.

Bertram Phillip George Shave

Private, 6th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, (No. 18962).

Born about February 1898, in Blandford.

Son of Frederick (a gardener) and Eliza Shave of 'Lynwood', 40 Orchard Street, Blandford.

Killed in action during the second battle of Arras on 16th May 1917, aged 19.

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Fauberg-d'Amiens Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais.

(His younger brother, Percival, was killed in 1918).

C Holmes

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Cecil Edgar Riggs

Private, 6th Battalion, Queen's Own, (Royal West Kent Regiment) (No. G/31426); previously Royal Sussex Regiment (No. 3201).

Born on 4th May 1891, in Wimborne.

Son of Walter (a postman) and Annie Elizabeth Riggs of Queen's Street, Blandford.

Live in Brighton.

Worked as a carpenter.

Killed in action during the battle of Epehy on 21st September 1918, aged 27.

Buried in Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery, Somme.

Cecil Joseph Littler

Private, 2nd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 8167).

Born about October 1885, in Pimperne.

Son of Joseph (a carpenter) and Susan (who died about March 1916) Littler of Herstone Villa, Fairfield Road, Blandford.

Enlisted in 1906; served in India 1906 – 1914; posted to Mesopotamia November 1914; reported a prisoner-of-war at Kut-el-Amara on 6th January 1917, aged 31.

Died of debility following chronic diarrhoea at Angora on 31st January 1917, aged 31.

Buried in Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq.

(His elder brother, Charley, was killed in 1915)

Cecil Tom Ford

Lance-Corporal, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 10054).

Born about November 1896, in Blandford.

Son of Sidney (a taxidermist) and Kate Ford of Tudor House, Oakfield Street, Blandford.

Worked as a Clerk.

Enlisted August 1914; promoted to Lance-Corporal December 1914; posted to Gallipoli on 1st July 1915

Killed in action on 21st August 1915, aged 18.

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.

(His elder brother, Sidney, was killed in 1917)

Charles Axford

Corporal, 1st/1st Battalion, Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry (No. 230179)

Born about November 1886 in Chelmsford, Essex

Son of George (a yardman) and Elizabeth Catherine Axford of 12 East Street, Blandford

Worked as a tailor

Enlisted August 1914; posted to Egypt April 1915; also served in Gallipoli

Died in Egypt on 21st October 1918, aged 32

Buried in Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt

Charles Bertie Alexander

Private, 1st/1st Battalion, Cambridgeshire Regiment (Nos 8445 & 329632)

Born about February 1894 in Blandford

Elder son of Charles (a postman) and Ellen Alexander of 6 Victoria Road, Blandford

Worked as a shop assistant

Died of wounds on 27th April 1918, aged 24

Buried in St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime

Charles Carter, DSM

Leading Signaller, Royal Navy, aboard HM Submarine K4
(No. 236423)

Born on 18th January 1890 in Manchester

Eldest son of Thomas (a bootmaker, who died in 1918) and
Edith Carter of The Cabin, Kings Road, Blandford

Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal

Killed when HM Submarine K4 was in collision with two other
submarines in the North Sea on 31st January 1918, aged 28

His body was not recovered for burial and he is commemorated
on the Plymouth Naval Memorial

Charles Henry Bartlett

Sergeant, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 3/8508)

Born about November 1877 in Blandford

Son of Charles Henry (a carpenter) and Georgina Bartlett of 21 Orchard Street, Blandford

Married Bessie Clara Elkins in Blandford in 1908

Father of one son

Lived at 6 The Close, Blandford

Worked as a wheelwright and coachbuilder

Enlisted August 1914; hospitalised in England with gunshot wound to shoulder April 1915; re-posted to France July 1916

Died of wounds sustained during the attack at Mouquet Farm on the Somme on 27th September 1916, aged 38

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme

Charles Henry Light

Private, 19th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry (No. 301626)

Son of Samuel (a butcher on the Bryanston Estate) and Anna Maria Light

Married Olivia Fry in Blandford in 1903

Father of (at least) two daughters and two sons

Lived at 4 Charles Street, Blandford

Worked as a brewer's sorter

Died on 2nd November 1918 (nine days before the Armistice)
aged 39

Buried in Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais

Charles Robert Barnett

Private, 19th Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (No. 29220); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 16297)

Born about November 1896 in Bournemouth

Elder son of Thomas George (a coal merchant) and Elizabeth Emma Barnett of 20 Victoria Road, Blandford

Died of wounds sustained at Passchendaele on 6th November 1917, aged 20

Buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen

Charles Seaviour

Private, 1/1st Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry (No. 793)

Born about February 1880 in Blandford

Worked as a fox hounds groom at the Bryanston Kennels

Killed in action during the Battle of Agagia, Egypt, on 26th February 1916, probably aged 36

Buried in Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt

Charles William Lever

Rifleman, 12th Battalion, Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own) (No. B/2779)

Born about November 1877 in Blandford

Son of George (a labourer, who died before 1901) and Ann (who died before 1911) Lever

Lived with his sister, Emily Miles, at 14 Edward Street, Blandford

Worked as a carpenter

Enlisted August 1914; posted to France February 1916; twice wounded

Killed in action during the First Battle of Cambrai on 30th November 1917, probably aged 40

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord-Pas-de-Calais

Charles William Symes

Captain, 1/4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, attached to 2nd Battalion

Born about May 1883 in Crediton, Devon

Son of Charles (an agricultural labourer) and Emma Symes

Lived at Stoneville, Salisbury Street, Blandford

Worked as a Solicitor

Posted to Mesopotamia May 1915

Died on 9th October 1915, aged 32

Charley Littler

Private, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 5311)

Born about November 1875 in Pimperne

Son of Joseph (a carpenter) and Susan (who died about March 1916) Littler of Herstone Villa, Fairfield Road

Enlisted before 1911; posted to the Balkans on 11th July 1915

Killed in action during the attack at Scimitar Hill in Gallipoli on 9th August 1915, aged 39

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey

(His younger brother, Cecil died as a prisoner of war in 1917)

E. Parker

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Edward Henry Edwin Daniell, DSO

Lieutenant-Colonel, 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment

Born on 5th June 1868 in Blandford

Son of George William Staines (a surgeon and farmer) and Edith E. Daniell of Langton

Married Winifred Wynne Currey in 1904

Lived in Carshalton, Surrey

Father of one son and one daughter

Appointed 2nd Lieutenant 1892, Lieutenant 1894, Captain 1899, Major 1909; served on the North-West Frontier 1897-98; South African War 1899-1902, where awarded Distinguished Service Order, posted to France August 1914

Killed in action on 20th October 1914, aged 46

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Richebourg-l'Avoue, Nord-Pas-de-Calais

Edward John Woodhouse

Lieutenant, Indian Army Reserve of Officers, attached to 38th
King George's Own Central Indian Horse

Born on 11th November 1884 in Hilton

Son of George Edward (a brewer) and Alice Margaret (who
died in 1889) Woodhouse; George re-married to Susan
Henrietta S. Fisher in 1892; they lived at Nordon, Pimperne

Lived at Sabour Bihar, India

Worked as an economic botanist to the Government of Bihar-
Orissa and was Principal of Sabour Agricultural College

Died of wounds on 11th December 1917, aged 33

Buried in Tincourt New British Cemetery, Somme

Edwin Charles Hunt MM

Private 4th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (No. 10709); previously 3rd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment

Born on 7th January 1884 in Tarrant Gunville

Son of William Frederick (a hawker) and Bessie Lucy Hunt; gave his next-of-kin as his aunt, Fanny, of 20 Orchard Street, Blandford

Worked as a labourer

Enlisted in Canada in September 1914

Awarded Military Medal 'he evacuated wounded men under heavy shell fire' in September 1916

Died of wounds sustained five days previously during an attack near Courcellette on the Somme on 13th October 1916, aged 32

Buried in Pouchevillers British Cemetery, Doullens

Edwin Horace Bastable

Private 2nd Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) (No. 26604); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 18200)

Born about August 1878 in Marnhull

Son of Edwin (a mason) and Rhoda Bastable

Married Gertrude Lane in Blandford in 1901

Father of two sons and four daughters

Lived with his wife's parents, Gilbert and Mary Lane, at 29 East Street, Blandford

Worked as a gardener

Killed in action on the Somme on 21st March 1918, aged 39

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme

Ernest Henry Hibbs

Private, 2nd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 8089)

Born about November 1888 in Ansty

Son of Robert West (a brewer's labourer) and Lucy Jane Hibbs

Posted to Mesopotamia November 1914

Died of wounds on 28th September 1915, aged 26

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq

(His elder brother, Alfred, was killed in 1918)

Ernest Hunt

Private, 2nd / 1st Battalion, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Regiment (Nos. 4654 & 266815)

Born about May 1885 in Blandford

Son of George (a baker who died in 1907) and Sarah Ann (who died in 1896) Hunt of 20 Orchard Street, Blandford

Lived at 4 Oakfield Street, Blandford

Killed in action at Passchendaele on 2nd August 1917, aged 32

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen

(His younger brother, George, was killed in November 1917)

Ernest Samuel New

Private, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 17402)

Born about November 1887 in Blandford

Only son of Samuel (a brewer, who died in 1899) and Rosa New of 51 East Street, Blandford

Worked as a Corn Merchant's carter

Killed in action during the Battle of the Beaurevoir Line on 3rd October 1918, aged 31

Buried in Cerisy-Gailly Military Cemetery, Somme

Ernest William Montague Bozie

Private, 20th (County of London) Battalion (Blackheath & Woolwich), London Regiment (No. 632791); previously Royal Army Medical Corps (No. 80361)

Born about February 1895 in Portsmouth

Son of Charles George (a butcher) and Marianne Bozie of 5a Salisbury Road, Blandford

Worked as a book shop assistant

Killed in action in Egypt on 30th April 1918, aged 23

Buried in Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel

F. Brown

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Francis Edward Lloyd Daniell, DSO

Lieutenant-Colonel, Seaforth, Highlanders (Ross-shire Buff's the Duke of Albany's), attached to 21st Division, General Staff

Born on 19th December 1874 in Blandford

Son of Frederick Francis (Major-General, Gordon Highlanders) and Rebecca Letitia (who died in 1915) Daniell of Blandford

Married Maud Esmé Duperier (who died in 1913)

Father of one son and one daughter

Lived in Maidstone

Commissioned 1895; appointed Lieutenant-Colonel 1913; served in Crete, Sudan, South Africa and the North West Frontier; posted to France August 1914; Distinguished Service Order ('for services in connection with operations in the field') gazetted February 1915

Died of wounds on 4th March 1916, aged 41

Buried in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentières, Nord, France

Frederick Bertie Stickley

Stoker 1st Class, Royal Navy, aboard HMS Queen Mary (No. K/19140)

Born on 14th November 1892 in Blandford

Second son of Charles (a plasterer) and Elizabeth Stickley of 25a Orchard Street, Blandford

Worked as a labourer

Killed when the battlecruiser HMS Queen Mary was sunk at the Battle of Jutland on 31st May 1916, aged 23

His body was not recovered for burial and he is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial

Frederick Charles Lane

Private, 1st Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment (No. 50869)

Born about November 1899 in Blandford

Son of William George (a labourer) and Julia Lane of 31 Bryanston Street, Blandford

Died on 4th December 1918, aged 19

Buried in Valenciennes (St Roch) Communal Cemetery, Nord-Pas-de-Calais

Frederick Charles Mantell

Private, 112th Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) (No. 7844); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 15788)

Born about May 1897 in Blandford

Only son of Arthur (a fellmonger's labourer) and Annie Mantell of 12 Bryanston Street, Blandford

Killed in action at Passchendaele on 12th October 1917, aged 20

Buried in Hodge Crater Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen

Frederick Edward Blandford

Lance-Sergeant, 13th Battalion, Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own) (No. 2474)

Born about May 1888 in Blandford

Son of Edward (a labourer, who died in 1901) and Louisa (who died in 1898) Blandford

Married Ethel Elizabeth Daniells on 7th January 1916

Father of one daughter, born 7th August 1916

Lived at 7 Pimperne

Enlisted November 1907; hospitalised in UK with frostbite February 1915 and with gunshot wound to leg May 1917; treated for shell shock August 1916

Died of wounds (requiring amputation of right leg) sustained on the Somme on 30th March 1918, aged 29

Buried in Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais

Frederick George Pitman

Private, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 11048)

Born about May 1888 in Blandford

Son of Charles (a labourer) and Bessie (who probably died in 1908) of 36 Bryanston Street, Blandford

Worked as a barman in Shaftesbury in 1911

Enlisted September 1914; posted to the Balkans on 11th July 1915

Killed in action around Scimitar Hill in Gallipoli on 22nd August 1915, aged 27

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey

Frederick George Pratt

Corporal 16th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles (No, 44206);
previously 8th Battalion, London Regiment (No. 4723)

Born about May 1895 in Bude, Cornwall

Son of Frederick (a licensed victualler) and Elizabeth A. Pratt of
Railway Hotel, Oakfield Street, Blandford; later 'Shevioch',
Alexander Street, Blandford

Worked as a telegraph messenger

Died (probably as a prisoner -of-war) on 5th October 1918, aged
23

Buried in Cologne Southern Cemetery, Germany

Frederick Hambro Charles Sims

Sergeant, 9th Battalion, Kings Royal Rifle Corps (No. A/2193)

Born about February 1894 in Poole

Only son of James (a police superintendent) and Mary A. Sims of Dorset Constabulary, Salisbury Road, Blandford

Worked as an apprentice outfitter

Posted to France on 19th May 1915

Killed in action on 30th July 1915, aged 21

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres

Frederick Henry Domoney

Private, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 3/8058)

Born about July 1884 in Blandford

Son of Henry (a hairdresser) and Emma Domoney of West Street, Blandford

Lived in Salisbury in 1911

Worked as a hairdresser

Posted to France on 23rd October 1914

Killed in action at Ypres on 9th November 1914, aged 30

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres

Frederick John Squibb

Sergeant, 3rd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 10254)

Born about February 1896 in Blandford

Younger son of Henry (a nurseryman) and Eleanor Squibb of 2 Charles Street, Blandford

Worked as a nurseryman

Enlisted August 1914; wounded in Gallipoli August 1915 and in France July 1916; promoted to Corporal May 1915 and to Sergeant May 1917

Died from influenza and pneumonia in Bury St Edmunds Military Hospital on 1st November 1918 (ten days before the Armistice), aged 22

Buried in Blandford Cemetery

Frank Lithgow Wyatt

Ordinary Seaman, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, based at
Royal Naval Depot, Crystal Palace (No. Bristol Z/1827)

Born on 22nd August 1898 in Blandford

Elder son of Arthur Lithgow (an ironmonger) and Elizabeth
Letitia Wyatt of Market Place, Blandford

Dies on 31st December 1916, aged 18

Buried in Blandford Cemetery

Frederick William John Lane

Private, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 12685)

Born about January 1888 in Blandford

Second son of Frederick (a groom, who died in 1898) and Annie (who died on 8th September 1917) Lane of 4 Lawrence Yard, White Cliff Mill Street, Blandford

Married Amy Dyer in Blandford on 8th October 1911

Father of one daughter (Gladys Amy, born 11th December 1911) and one son (Frederick, born 24th September 1913)

Lived at 4 White Cliff Mill Street, Blandford

Worked as a stone mason

Enlisted on 28th December 1914; posted to France on 13th May 1915; wounded (gunshot wound to ankle) March 1916

Killed in action during the advance from Authuille Wood on 1st July 1916 (the first day of the Somme offensive), aged 28

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme

(His elder brother, Henry, died of wounds in 1918; his younger brother, Albert, was also killed on 1st July 1916; his younger brother, Reginald, was killed in 1917, his elder brother, William, survived the war)

Frederick William Vane

Lance-Corporal, 1st Battalion, Hampshire Regiment (No. 29581)

Born about November 1894 in Timsbury, Hampshire

Son of James (a gardener) and Kate Vane

Lived in Blandford

Worked as a servant

Killed in action at Passchendaele on 4th October 1917, probably aged 22

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen

G. Blandford

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George Arnold

Private, 6th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 3/7592)

Born about February 1878 in Blandford

Son of William (a labourer, who died in 1908) and Mary Ann Arnold of 11 Orchard Street, Blandford

Posted to France October 1914

Killed in action during the attack on the Bayonet Trench in the Battle of Arras on 22nd April 1917, aged 39

Buried in Cabaret-Rouge Cemetery, Souchez, Pas-de-Calais

George Baverstock

Private, 2nd Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment (No. 268824)

Born about February 1891 in Blandford

Son of Charles (a house painter) and Annie Baverstock of 1 Victoria Road, Blandford

Married Kathleen Louise Durant in Southampton about May 1915

Father of one son, born about February 1916

Lived at 48 Earl's Road, Southampton

Worked as a butcher

Enlisted December 1915; mobilised April 1917; posted to France on 12th August 1917

Killed in action at Passchendaele on 9th October 1917, aged 28

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen

(His younger brother, Reginald, was killed in 1918)

George David Hunt

Private, Tank Corps (No. 200086); previously Machine Gun Corp (No. 2850)

Born about May 1891 in Blandford

Son of George (a baker, who died in 1907) and Sarah Ann (who died in 1896) Hunt of 20 Orchard Street, Blandford

Worked as a baker

Killed in action at the First Battle of Cambrai on 20th November 1917, aged 26

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord-Pas-de-Calais

(His elder brother, Ernest, was killed in August 1917)

George Herbert Battrick

Private, Royal Marine Light Infantry (No. PO/16508), aboard HMS Bulwark

Born about May 1894 in Blandford

Son of John (a labourer, who died about February 1914) and Jane Battrick of East Street, Blandford

Worked as a carpenter

Killed when the battleship HMS Bulwark exploded off Sheerness on 26th November 1914, aged 20

His body was not recovered for burial and he is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial

George Lewis Gould

Corporal, 2/4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 2994)

Born about November 1883 in Bournemouth

Son of George Edward (a coal merchant) and Annie Adelaide Gould of Oakfield Street, Blandford

Married Eliza Matilda Annie Lewis in Blandford in 1912

Father of one child

Lived at Fairfield Road, Blandford

Worked as an engineer

Enlisted September 1914; promoted to Corporal January 1915; served in India and Mesopotamia

Died of dysentery aboard Hospital Ship 'Egypt' on 16th September 1916, aged 32

Possibly buried at sea; commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq

George Portsmouth

Private, 2nd Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) (No. 29617); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 11057)

Born about August 1893 in Blandford

Son of Edward (an estate labourer) and Sarah Portsmouth of 6 Lower Harewood Place, Bryanston Street, Blandford

Worked as a carter

Posted to France July 1915

Killed in action of the Somme on 21st March 1918, aged 24

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme

George Portsmouth

Private, 2nd Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) (No. 29617); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 11057)

Born about August 1893 in Blandford

Son of Edward (an estate labourer) and Sarah Portsmouth of 6 Lower Harewood Place, Bryanston Street, Blandford

Worked as a carter

Posted to France July 1915

Killed in action of the Somme on 21st March 1918, aged 24

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme

Gerald Humphrey Moore

Corporal, 6th Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment (No. 8438);
previously 7th Hussars (No. 18192)

Born about May 1886 in Child Okeford

Son of Joseph (a groom) and Alice Moore

Married Evelyn Mary Louisa Naylor in Blandford in 1909

Father of three daughters and one son

Lived at New Milton, Hampshire

Worked as a groom

Enlisted September 1914; promoted to Corporal March 1916;
posted to France December 1916

Killed in action on 7th June 1917, aged 31

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Menin Gate
Memorial, Ypres

H. J. Hall

Unfortunately, there are no details available about this local serviceman, who is listed on the war memorial on the front of the Town Hall in the Market Place.

Harold Edward Kerley, DCM

Private, 2nd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. PO/10268)

Born in 1890, probably in Stourpaine

Son of George (a printer's labourer) and Milicant Kerley of 35 Dorset Street, Blandford

Worked as an agricultural labourer

Enlisted May 1908; served in India

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal

Taken prisoner-of-war in the surrender of Kut-el-Armara, Turkey, on 29th April 1916

Died of acute enteritis at Mossul on 20th June 1916, aged 27

Probably buried in Mosul and is also commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq

Harry James Lane

Private, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 3/6404)

Born about May 1885 in Blandford

Eldest son of Frederick (a groom, who died in 1898) and Annie (who died on 8th September 1917) Lane of 4 Lawrence Yard, White Cliff Mill Street, Blandford

Married May Ellen Smith in Poole about August 1917

Father of one son, Eric (born about May 1918)

Lived at Brown's Yard, East Street, Blandford

Worked as a labourer

Posted to France September 1914

Died of wounds sustained near Happlincourt on the Somme on 31st August 1918, aged 33

Buried in Villiers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Somme

(His younger brother, Frederick and Albert, were both killed on 1st July 1916; his younger brother, Reginald, was killed in 1917; his elder brother, William, survived the war)

Harry Sherwood Bellows

Private, 6th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 10732)

Born about May 1895 in Blandford

Son of John (a labourer) and Rose Bellows of 8 White Cliff Mill Street, Blandford

Worked as a labourer

Enlisted September 1914; posted to France July 1915

Killed in action near Ypres on 5th November 1915, aged 20

Buried in Birr Cross Road Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen

Henry Fricker

Guardsman, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (No. 10084)

Born in Blandford

Posted to France November 1914

Killed in action on 12th March 1915

Buried in Estaires Communal Cemetery, Nord-Pas-de-Calais

Henry George Parsons

Private, 6th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 3/7760)

Born as Henry Charles Parsons about November 1897 in Blandford

Son of Frederick and Elizabeth Ann Parsons of 5 Lawrence Yard, White Cliff Mill Street, Blandford

Worked as an agricultural labourer

Enlisted August 1914, giving his age as 17 years 10 months; posted to France April 1916; hospitalised with shell wounds May 1917

Died of wounds (gassed the previous day at Passchendaele) on 16th October 1917, aged 19

Buried in Dozingheim Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen

Henry John Harding

Private, 7th (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars, Household Cavalry (No. 4499)

Born about September 1882 in Pimperne

Son of John (a farm labourer) and Marcia Harding

Enlisted before 1911; served in India; posted to France October 1914

Killed in action during the 2nd battle of Arras on 11th April 1917, aged 34

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais

Herbert George Goddard

Lance-Corporal, 1st Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (No. 31711); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 16296)

Born about September 1896 in Pimperne

Son of Walter (a carter on a farm) and Ellen Goddard of Coward's Farm, Salisbury Road, Blandford

Worked as a farm labourer

Killed in action of the Somme on 4th September 1916, aged 20

With no know grave, he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme

Herbert Hole

Private, 1st Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 3/6707)

Born about January 1892 in Beaminster

Son of Albert (a farm labourer) and Clare Levinia Hole of 8 St Leonard's Terrace, Blandford

Worked as a farm labourer

Posted to France October 1914

Died on 8th January 1918, aged 26

Buried in Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais

J Smith

Unfortunately, there are no details available about this local serviceman, who is listed on the war memorial on the front of the Town Hall in the Market Place.

James John Andrews

Private, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 10872)

Born about May 1897 in Blandford

Son of William (a labourer) and Louisa Andrews of 27 Victoria Road, Blandford

Posted to the Balkans on 11th July 1915

Killed in action in Gallipoli on 21st August 1915, aged 18

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey

James John Besent

Sergeant, 7th Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment (No. 17122); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 11786)

Born about May 1894 in Bryanston

Son of James Kingsbury (a farm bailiff) and Sarah Ann Besent of East Street, Blandford

Worked as a grocery apprentice

Killed in action in Salonika on 24th April 1917, aged 22

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Doiran Memorial, Greece

James Townsend

Regimental Sergeant-Major, Royal Army Service Corps, based at Remount Depot, Southampton (No. R/38178); previously 21st Lancers (No. 2154)

Born about August 1866 in Sawston, Cambridgeshire

Son of James and Mary Ann Townsend of Wandsworth

Married to Mary Ann

Father of seven daughters and one son

Lived at 47 Damory Street, Blandford

Died in Blandford on 16th May 1917, aged 50

Buried in Blandford Cemetery

John Butt

Private, 2nd/1st Buckinghamshire Battalion, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (No. 5415)' previously 4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 2636)

Born about May 1893 in Hilton

Son of Frederick (an estate labourer) and Ann Butt

Worked as a shepherd lad

Killed in action at the Battle of Fromelle on the Somme on 19th July 1916, aged 23

Buried in Laventie Military Cemetery, La Gorgue, Nord, France

John Henry Read

Private, 2nd Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's Own (Wiltshire Regiment) (No. 26728); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 17607)

Born about August 1897 in Blandford

Only son of Andrew John (a carpenter) and Annie Elizabeth Read of 3 Dorset Street, Blandford

Killed in action during the Second Battle of Arras on 9th April 1917, aged 19

Buried in London Cemetery and Extension and commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Faubourg- d'Amiens Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais

Justus Watts George

Corporal, 1/1st Battalion, Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry (No. 333)

Born about February 1891 in Blandford

Son of Thomas (a grocer) and Louisa Ann Maria George of the Kaurels, Park Road, Blandford

Farmed at Efford House Farm, Lymington, Hampshire

Killed in action during the attack on Scimitar Hill on 21st August 1915, aged 24

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey

(His elder brother, Stanley, was killed in 1918)

Kenneth Charles Cherry

Private, 1st/15th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment
(Prince of Wales's Own Civil Service Rifles) (No. 3799)

Born about August 1893 in Blandford

Son of Alfred (a draper) and Florence Cherry of Milldown
House, Blandford

Lived in Fulham in 1911

Worked as a clerk

Posted to France 10th November 1915

Killed in action on 21st December 1915, aged 22

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Loos
Memorial, Dud Corner Cemetery, Nord-Pas-de-Calais

(His elder brother, Alfred, was killed in 1917)

M. Gilbert

Unfortunately, there are no details available about this local serviceman, who is listed on the war memorial on the front of the Town Hall in the Market Place.

Montague John Wills

Private, 47th Company, Machine Gun Corps (No. 128488);
previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 18959)

Born about May 1898 in Blandford

Second son of George (a garden labourer) and Blanche Prine
Wills of 7 Bryanston Street, Blandford

Killed in action on 22nd August 1918, aged 20

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Vis-en-
Artois Memorial, Harcourt, Pas-de-Calais

Morgan William Bevan

Private, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 8034)

Born about May 1889 in Bridport

Son of Mary Jane Painter and step-son of Harry (a labourer)
Painter of 4 Dorset Street, Blandford

Enlisted prior to 1911; posted to France August 1915

Died of wounds sustained on the Somme on 4th July 1916,
aged 27

Buried in Puchevillers British Cemetery, Somme

Percival Edward Shave

Private, 6th Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment)
(No. 35212)

Born as Percival Edwin Shave about August 1899 in Blandford

Son of Frederick (a gardener) and Eliza Shave of 'Lynwood', 40
Orchard Street, Blandford

Killed in action on 10th April 1918, aged 18

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot
Memorial, West Vlaanderen

(His elder brother, Bertram was killed in 1917)

Percival George Tanswell

Rifleman, 3rd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps (No. 11767)

Born about December 1893 in Blandford

Eldest son of William Albert (a groom, who died in 1907) and Alice Catherine Tanswell of 3 Alexander Street, Blandford

Worked as a postman

Posted to France November 1914

Died of wounds on 10th May 1915, aged 21

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres

(His younger brother, Reginald, was killed in 1914)

Percy James Scott

Lance-Sergeant, 2nd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 8428)

Born about November 1890 in Bryanston

Son of Richard (a deer park keeper, who died in 1908) and Elizabeth (who died in 1899) Scott of Bryanston Lodge, Blandford

Enlisted before 1911; served in India; posted to Asian theatre November 1914; taken prisoner-of-war at Kut-al-Amara on 29th April 1916

Died as a prisoner-of-war on 30th September 1918, aged 28

Buried in Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq

Reginald Bertie Lane

Private, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, (No. 10144)

Born about February 1869 in Blandford

Youngest son of Frederick (a groom, who died in 1898) and Annie (who died on 8th September 1917) Lane of 4 Lawrence Yard, White Cliff Mill Street, Blandford

Worked as a labourer

Enlisted on 26th August 1914, giving his age as 19 years 245 days, posted to the Balkans on 1st July 1915; sustained gunshot wounds to upper extremities on 15th August 1915; treated in UK August-November 1915; returned to France on 28th September 1916

Killed in action during the attack from Beaucourt on the Somme on 11th January 1917, aged 21

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme

(His eldest brother, Henry, died of wounds in 1918; his elder brothers, Frederick and Albert, were both killed on 1st July 1916; his other elder brother, William, survived the war)

Reginald Charles Tanswell

Private, Royal Marine Light Infantry, aboard HMS Bulwark (No. 11767)

Born on 11th March 1895 in Blandford

Second son of William Albert (a groom, who died in 1907) and Alice Catherine Tanswell of 3 Alexander Street, Blandford

Worked as a gardener

Killed when the battleship HMS Bulwark exploded off Sheerness on 26th November 1914, aged 19

Buried in Blandford Cemetery

(His elder brother, Percival, died of wounds in 1915)

Reginald James Tom Daniels

Sergeant, Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry) (No.101443);
previously Dorset Yeomanry (No. 927)

Born about May 1884 in Hilton

Son of Henry William (a coachman) and Sarah Daniels

Married Florence Mary Pethen in Dewlish in 1907

Father of one daughter

Lived in Royal Oak Inn, Dewlish, where he was the innkeeper,
later 11 Damory Street, Blandford

Died on 9th October 1918 in India, aged 34

Buried in Mhow New Cemetery, India

Reginald William Baverstock

Private, 8th (King's Royal Irish) Hussars, Household Cavalry
(No. 27236)

Born about November 1895 in Blandford

Son of Charles (a house painter) and Annie Baverstock of 1
Victoria Road, Blandford

Worked as a butcher

Killed in action on the Somme on 31st March 1918, aged 22

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Pozières
Memorial, Somme

(His elder brother, George, was killed in 1917)

Reginald William Durdle

Captain, 4th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment);
previously Dorsetshire Regiment

Born about February 1893 in Bournemouth

Son of Robert William (a tailor) and Alice Sarah Durdle of
Downs Cottage, Kings Road, Pimperne

Married Margery Edith Walking in Southampton about May
1916

Lived at Bourne Road, Southampton

Worked as a teacher

Killed in action on 18th September 1918, aged 25

Buried in Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery, Somme

Richard John Tucker

Private, 2nd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 5347)

Born about February 1878 in Blandford

Son of Richard (a blacksmith) and Elizabeth Jane Tucket of Salisbury Street, Blandford

Enlisted before 1911; served in India; posted to Mesopotamia November 1914

Killed in action near Shaiba on 14th April 1915, aged 37

Buried in Basra War Cemetery, Iraq

Robert Ingram Richards

2nd Lieutenant, 1st (City of London) Battalion (Royal Fusiliers),
London Regiment (Nos 3610 & 751539)

Born about August 1898 in Warminster, Wiltshire

Elder son of Harry (a chemist and druggist) and Clara Richards
of 17 Salisbury Street, Blandford

Posted to France on 10th October 1917

Died of wounds on 27th October 1917, aged 19

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot
memorial, West-Vlaanderen

Robert James Snelling, MM

Sergeant, 124th Battery, Royal Field Artillery (No. 53356)

Born about August 1882 in Swanage

Son of James George (a gasworks stoker, who died in 1917)
and Mary Snelling of 13 Charles Street, Blandford

Awarded the Military Medal

Killed in action on 4th June 1917, aged 34

Buried in Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extensions, Pas-de-Calais

(His younger brother, William, was killed in 1916)

Sidney Herbert Ford

Private, 2/4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (Nos 2808 & 201046)

Born about May 1894 in Blandford

Son of Sidney (a taxidermist) and Kate Ford of Tudor House, Oakfield Street, Blandford

Worked as a shop assistant

Killed in action on 28th January 1917, aged 22

Buried in Amara War Cemetery, Iraq

(His younger brother, Cecil, was killed in 1915)

Stanley George

Private, Imperial Camel Corps, Household Cavalry (No. 50092);
previously Hussars (No. 230326)

Born about April 1889 in Blandford

Son of Thomas (a grocer) and Louisa Ann Maria George of The
Laurels, Park Road, Blandford

Posted to Egypt April 1915

Killed in action in Palestine on 1st May 1918, aged 29

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Jerusalem
Memorial, Israel

(His younger brother, Justus, was killed in 1915)

Stephen Harold Brown

Corporal, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 8742)

Born about December 1892 in Blandford

Eldest son of Charles (a labourer, who died in 1908) and Sarah Brown of 24 East Street, Blandford

Married Ida Evangeline Howe in Stinsford in 1914

Worked as a grocer's porter

Enlisted July 1909; posted to France August 1914

Killed in a gas attack on 2nd May 1915, aged 22

Buried in Divisional Cemetery, West Vlaanderen

Steven Henry Lambert

Private, Royal Marine Light Infantry, aboard HMS Good Hope
(No. PO/10268)

Born on 4th July 1880 in Blandford

Son of James Alfred (a printer) and Sarah J. Lambert of 22
White Cliff Mill Street, Blandford

Killed when the cruiser HMS Good Hope was sunk at the Battle
of Coronel off the Chilean coast on 1st November 1914, aged
34

His body was not recovered for burial and he is commemorated
on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial

T. L. Melmouth

Unfortunately, there are no details available about this local serviceman, who is listed on the war memorial on the front of the Town Hall in the Market Place.

Thomas Carter

Lance-Corporal, Royal Defence Corps (No. 8723)

Born about November 1861 in Blandford

Son of Joseph (a cordwainer) and Caroline Carter of Blandford

Married Edith Foulding in Chorlton, Lancashire in 1889

Father of (at least) four sons and one daughter

Lived at the Cabin, Kings Street, Blandford

Worked as a bootmaker

Died in UK on 2nd December 1918, aged 57

Buried in Blandford Cemetery

(His eldest son, Charles, was killed at sea in January 1918)

Thomas Ernest Tucker

Private, 7th Battalion, Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry) (No. 265710); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 1153)

Born about November 1885 in Blandford

Son of John (a groom) and Elizabeth Ann Tucker of Blandford St Mary

Married Ada Jane Hiscock in Wimborne in 1906

Father of two sons

Lived at Roe's Yard, East Street, Blandford; later 17 Bryanston Street, Blandford

Killed in action at Passchendaele on 7th August 1917, aged 32

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres

Tom Brensley Bartlett

2nd Lieutenant, 1/4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, attached to 1st/8th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment

Born about October 1894 in Blandford

Only son of Tom (a bill poster and town crier) and Flora Kate Bartlett of Queen's Road, Pimperne

Worked as a corn merchant's clerk

Enlisted October 1910; discharged at own request June 1914; re-enlisted September 1914; promoted to Sergeant January 1916; posted to Mesopotamia February 1916; appointed 2nd Lieutenant July 1917

Killed in action on 19th September 1918, probably aged 23

Buried in Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel

Tom Sidney Holloway

Private, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 10658)

Born about February 1888 in Blandford

Son of Ebenezer Joseph (a painter) and Emily Holloway of 9 Charles Street, Blandford

Worked as an ostler

Enlisted September 1914; posted to Gallipoli July 1915

Killed in action during the attack on Scimitar Hill on 21st August 1915, aged 27

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq

(His younger brother, Walter, had been killed four days earlier)

W. A. Curtis

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W. Hannam

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W. J. Bond

Unfortunately, there are no details available about this local serviceman, who is listed on the war memorial on the front of the Town Hall in the Market Place.

W. Watts

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Walter Clark

Private, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No, 8741)

Born about September 1892 in Blandford

Son of George (a railway labourer) and Elizabeth Clark of Mount Pleasant, 1 East Street, Blandford

Worked as a labourer

Enlisted in July 1909; served in Ireland

Killed in action on 24th August 1914, probably aged 21

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the La Ferté-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne

(His elder brother, William, was killed in 1918)

Walter George Holloway

Private, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No, 10514)

Born about August 1890 in Blandford

Son of Ebenezer Joseph (a painter) and Emily Holloway of 9 Charles Street, Blandford

Worked as a labourer

Enlisted September 1914

Killed in action on 17th August 1915, probably aged 25

With no known grave, he is commemorate on the Basra Memorial, Iraq

(His elder brother, Tom, was killed four days later)

Wilfred Henry Miles

Private, 1st Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) (No. 114817); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 203421)

Born about August 1898 in Blandford

Only son of Robert (a bootmaker) and Emily Annie Miles of 14 Edward Street, Blandford

Killed in action on 25th March 1918, aged 19

Buried in Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas-de-Calais

William Charles Frederick Butler

Private 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 14908)

Born about August 1898 in Blandford

Only son of William (a bricklayer) and Elizabeth Butler of Hookey's Yard, Salisbury Street, Blandford

Posted to the Balkans on 2nd November 1915

Died of wounds on 24th January 1916, aged 17

Buried in Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Turkey

William Daniel Nobbs

Corporal, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 8090)

Born about May 1885 in Chelsea

Son of William A. (a house painter) and Sophia R. Nobbs

Enlisted before 1911; posted to France August 1914

Died of wounds on 3rd October 1918, aged 31

Buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery, Nord, France

William Edwin Ernest Caines

Rifleman, 2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corp (No. 11379)

Born about November 1896 in Blandford

Eldest son of Edwin George (a bricklayer) and Jessie Sarah Caines of 23 Albert Stree, Blandford

Worked as a gardener

Enlisted January 1914, declaring his age to be 18 year 76 days; posted to France 13th August 1914

Killed in action at the Battle of the Marne on 14th September 1914, aged 17

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the La Ferté-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne

William George Guy

Gunner, 285th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery (No. 117129)

Born about May 1878 in South Kensington

Probably the son of William John and Esther Guy

Lived with grandparents in Blandford in 1891

Married Esther Cribb in Blandford in 1901

Father of three daughters and two sons

Lived at 31 Orchard Street, Blandford

Worked as a bricklayer

Enlisted December 1915; posted to France March 1917

Died of wounds (gunshot wounds to foot, leg, hand and arm) on 27th June 1917, aged 39

Buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

William Henry Cox

Sergeant, Royal Air Force (No. 46039)

Born about February 1886 in Blandford

Son of Joseph (a carpenter) and Emma Cox of Orchard Street, Blandford

Worked as a painter

Killed by an explosion of aerial bombs at Old Sarum on 5th November 1918 (6 days before the Armistice), aged 32

Buried in Blandford Cemetery

William Jack Glencoe Smith

Private, 8th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (No. 41854);
previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 14588)

Born about May 1900 in Blandford

Elder son of William (a postman) and Beulah Jane Smith of
'Oak Dene', Salisbury Road, Blandford

Killed in action at Passchendaele on 16th August 1917, aged 17

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot
Memorial, West-Vlaanderen

William John Ball

Private, 8th Battalion, Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry)
(No. 21110)

Born about May 1893 in Blandford

Son of John (a labourer, who died in 1898) and Sarah Ball of 5
Charles Street, Blandford

Worked as a brewer's labourer

Killed in action during the attack on Fricourt on 1st July 1916
(the first day of the Somme offensive), aged 23

Buried in Norfolk Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt, Somme

William John Blandford

Private, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 3/6096)

Born about November 1893 in Hinton Martell, Dorset

Son of Harry John (a labourer, who died in 1894) and Kouisa Jane Blandford; Louisa Jane re-married to Percy Saunders in 1900

Married Lucy Amelia Pike in Blandford in 1913

Lived at 51a Dorset Street, Blandford

Posted to France September 1914

Killed in action on 5th October 1915, probably aged 21

Buried in Point 110 Old Military Cemetery, Fricourt, Somme

William John Eaton

Private, 2nd Battalion, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) (No. 26603); previously Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 18199)

Born in Brighton

Lived in Blandford

Died of wounds on 18th October 1916

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme

William Joseph Snelling

Private, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 10197)

Born about February 1890 in Blandford

Son of James George (a gasworks stoker, who died in 1917)
and Mary Snelling of 13 Charles Street, Blandford

Worked as a groom

Enlisted August 1914; posted to the Balkans July 1915; posted
to France July 1916

Killed in action near Grandcourt on the Somme on 26th
September 1916, aged 26

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Thiepval
Memorial, Somme

(His elder brother, Robert, was killed in 1917)

William Woolridge Clark

Private, 6th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 15061)

Born about August 1884 in Sturminster Newton

Son of George (a railway labourer) and Elizabeth Clark of Mount Pleasant, 1 East Street, Blandford

A reformatory inmate in 1901

Worked as a bricklayer

Posted to the Balkans in December 1915

Killed in action during the attack on Flers on the Somme on 27th August 1918, probably aged 34

Buried in Bulls Road Cemetery, Flers, Somme

(His younger brother, Walter, was killed in 1914)