

# **Soldiers & Sailors of Bratton Clovelly, Devon**



**Bratton Clovelly World War I Memorial**

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## Foreword

This booklet is dedicated to preserving the memory of the people of Bratton Clovelly, Devon who served in the Armed Forces throughout history. The booklet is currently based on incomplete historical records and, as such, there will be omissions and errors. In addition, the historical records can only tell part of the story, not the story that family members and friends may know. Hundreds of men, and a woman, are recorded here and I'm confident that there are many others if only they can be discovered.

My hope in sharing this information is that people who have more knowledge of these soldiers and sailors will be able to review and improve the stories, helping to bring memories to life through personal recollections, photos, letters, mementoes, anything that might shed more light on those who served. Even the smallest detail can give us a better understanding and discoveries like a service number can lead to many other sources. Anyone reading this booklet is welcome to share it with others who might have an interest.

I've taken a broad view of 'the people of Bratton Clovelly'. The soldiers and sailors may have been resident in the parish but I have also included those with parents or spouses from Bratton Clovelly, those who came to the parish for temporary work and those whose families may have resided in the parish while the soldiers and sailors themselves were away in service. The important thing is that they touched the lives of those in the parish and should be remembered somewhere. It is sad to think that some of their stories may have already been lost to the archives of history.

I have undertaken this research as part of the World War I Annual Project of the Society of One-Place Studies. The Society is a charitable, volunteer organisation dedicated to the study of the family and local history of communities. My interest in Bratton Clovelly stems from the fact that it is the ancestral home of my grandmother's Eastlake (Eastlack) family, a family that originated in the parish and lived there from at least the 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. My hope is to learn all that I can about the people and places of Bratton Clovelly before the time of living people and to share this information with others who also have an interest in the history of this part of Devon.

I also have a personal interest in those who served, coming from a military background myself. I take this opportunity to remember those closest to my husband Mark and me.



**Col Roy F Blackmon**  
(1909-1988), US Army  
my grandfather  
& husband of  
Marion nee Eastlack



**Capt Donald T Kirwan**  
(1928-1993), US Army  
my father  
& husband of  
Norma nee Blackmon



**CPO Leslie A Smith**  
(1934-2013), MSM, Royal Navy  
my father-in-law  
& husband of  
Margaret nee Estall

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## Those Who Gave Their Lives: World War I Roll of Honour



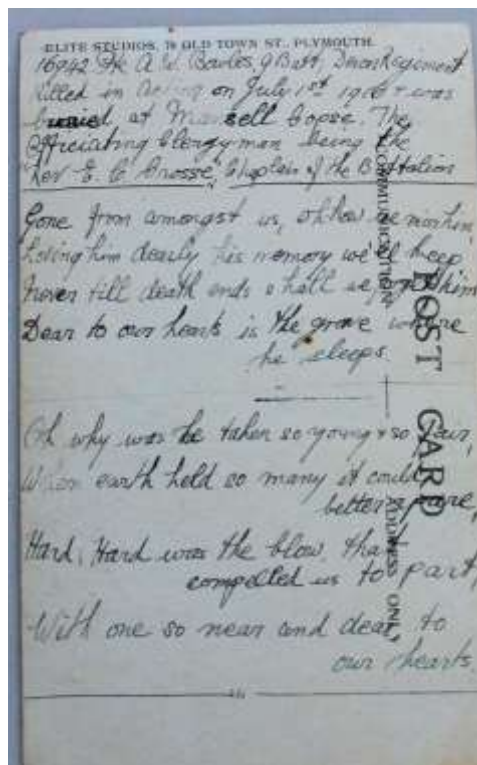
**Memorial Plaque for Nicholas Palmer (1887-1917)**  
**'He Died for Freedom and Honour'**  
**Issued to next-of-kin of those who were killed as a result of war**  
**Courtesy of Mary Jordan (nee Palmer)**

### Commemorated on the Bratton Clovelly World War I Memorial

Given Name	Surname	Death	Regiment	Relationship to Parish
Arthur William	Bowles	01/07/1916, buried at Devonshire Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France	Private, Devonshire Regiment, 9th Battalion, Service No 16942	On the Bratton Clovelly WWI Memorial. Gamekeeper for Major Gill of Eversfield for three years.
Alexander	Brown	05/03/1916, buried at Lillers Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France	Private, Middlesex Regiment, 11th Battalion, Duke of Cambridge's Own, Service No G/11045	On the Bratton Clovelly WWI Memorial. Relationship to parish not known but was possibly working for Major Gill of Eversfield (1100 acres), Recruiting Officer for Exeter, who had signed up two of his working men before this date.
Alfred William	Hutcheson	1/7/1916, buried at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France	Private, Devonshire Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Service No 15587	On the Bratton Clovelly WWI Memorial. With wife and children at Chestermoor, Bratton Clovelly in 1911, working as an undergardener. Western Times reported him missing 11 Aug 1916 and identified that he was a former workman for Miss Whitmore of Bannadon.
Nicolas	Palmer	23/08/1917, buried at Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, Belgium	Private, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, 6th Battalion, Service No 27752	On the Bratton Clovelly WWI Memorial. Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1887 and grew up in Bratton Clovelly.
Cecil John	Pike	3/12/1917, buried at Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine	Private, North Devon Yeomanry, Service No 2168, Devonshire Regiment, 16th Battalion, Service No 345695	On the Bratton Clovelly WWI Memorial. Stepson of John Karlake James of Barton Cottage, Bratton Clovelly. Attended Bratton Clovelly School from 1906-1911 when he received an exemption certificate. Cowman boy for Thomas Brown in Bratton Clovelly in 1911.



Arthur William Bowles (1892-1916)



(on reverse of photo to left)  
 16942. Pte A. W. Bowles, 9 Batt, Devon Regiment.  
 Killed in Action on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916 & was buried at  
 Mansell Copse. The Officiating Clergyman being the  
 Rev E. C. Crosse, Chaplain of the Battalion.

Gone from amongst us, oh how we miss him,  
 Loving him dearly his memory we'll keep,  
 Never till death ends shall we forget him,  
 Dear to our hearts is the grave where he sleeps.

Oh why was he taken so young & so fair,  
 When earth held so many it could better spare,  
 Hard, Hard was the blow, that compelled us to part,  
 With one so near and dear, to our our hearts.



These memorabilia of Arthur William Bowles are from the  
 autograph book of Edith May Palmer, his sweetheart, who  
 never married. The drawing above was on the last page of her  
 book, with his photograph on the facing page. Edith was the  
 sister of Nicholas Palmer who also lost his life in World War I.  
 Courtesy of Mary Jordan (nee Palmer).

### Others Related to the Parish Who Gave Their Lives in World War I

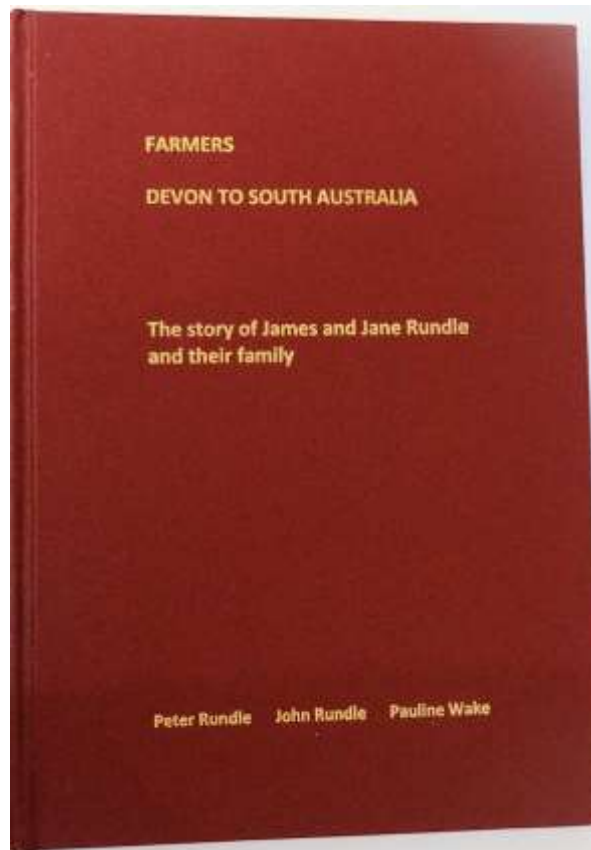
Given Name	Surname	Death	Regiment	Relationship to Parish
Sydney Maurice	Gregory	18/05/1915, buried at Brown's Road Military Cemetery, Festubert, Pas de Calais, France	2nd Lieutenant, London Regiment (City of London Rifles), 6th Battalion	Son of Rev William H Gregory who was minister for Boasley Methodist Chapel when Sydney was killed in action.
Percy Robert	Knowles	30/01/1918, buried at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery, Wiltshire, England	Sergeant, Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery, 9th Battalion, Service No 1666	Husband of Gladys Mary Hammond and son-in- law of James and Elizabeth Hammond of Risdon Farm (sometimes seen under Beaworthy). The Hammonds were later residents of Blackabroom. Gladys (born 1891 Staffordshire), her parents and brothers are buried at Bratton Clovelly.
Alfred James	Lashbrook	17/12/1916, buried at Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt	Private, Royal North Devonshire Yeomanry, 1st Battalion, Service No 2604, Devonshire Regiment, Service No 346126	The death notice in the North Devon Journal of 4 Jan 1917 identifies that Alfred was from Bratton Clovelly, so perhaps he was working in the parish before the War. He was the son of John and Bessie Lashbrook who were resident at Beamsworthy, Beaworthy at the time.
John	Laycock	16/08/1917, buried at Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium	Private, Devonshire Regiment, Service No 51356, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Battalion, Service No 41638	With mother in Bratton Clovelly in 1901 at the School House where father (deceased) had been schoolmaster and mother was a sewing teacher. Waggoner for the Dawes of Court Barton in 1911.

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Joseph Charles Henry Valentine John	Mallett	30/8/1918, buried at Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France	Private, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), 1st Battalion, Service No 27188, Somerset Light Regiment, Service No 32994, Worcestershire Regiment, Service No 24477	Married Eliza Horrell in Bratton Clovelly in 1907.
Henry Charles Ellis	Rundle	19/2/1918, buried at Messines Ridge British Cemetery, Mesen, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium	Private, Australian Infantry Australian Imperial Forces, 32nd Battalion, Service No 4631	Son of Henry Rundle who was born at Higher Voaden Farm, Bratton Clovelly in 1860. Grandson of James Rundle and Jane Ellis, both of Bratton Clovelly, who married in 1855 and emigrated with their first five children to South Australia in 1863.
Leonard Lancelot	Rundle	23/8/1918, buried at Birmingham (Lodge Hill) Cemetery, Warwickshire, England	Sergeant, Australian Infantry Australian Imperial Forces, 48th Battalion, Service No 2477B	Son of James Rundle who was born at Higher Voaden Farm, Bratton Clovelly in 1857. Grandson of James Rundle and Jane Ellis, both of Bratton Clovelly, who married in 1855 and emigrated with their first five children to South Australia in 1863.
Herbert Ernest	Smith	22/1/1916, buried at Exeter Higher Cemetery, Devon, England	Battery Quartermaster Sergeant, 7th Reserve Battery, 170th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, Service No 16400	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1880. Son of William Hicks, a Bible Christian minister, and Sarah Harriet Smith.





Leonard Lancelot Rundle (1893-1916)



'Len' and 'Ellis' were the grandsons of James and Jane Rundle (nee Ellis) who migrated from Bratton Clovelly to Australia with their children in 1863. Descendants of James and Jane still gather for family reunions and they have written a book called *Farmers Devon to South Australia* to tell the story of the family in Australia. The book is full of family and homestead photos and copies are deposited at Tavistock Museum and the Museum of Dartmoor Life at Okehampton.  
Courtesy of John Rundle.



Henry Charles Ellis Rundle (1891-1918)

**Those Who Gave Their Lives: World War II Roll of Honour**



**Bratton Clovelly World War II Memorial Plaque  
St Mary's Parish Church**

### Commemorated on the Bratton Clovelly World War II Memorial Plaque

Given Name	Surname	Death	Regiment	Relationship to Parish
Thomas John	Brown	28/05/1940, buried at Whalley (Queen Mary Hospital) Military Cemetery, Whalley, Lancashire, England	Driver, Royal Army Service Corps, Service No T/127767	Born at Lower Voaden Farm in 1906. Attended Bratton Clovelly School. Voted in Bratton Clovelly in the 1930s and held part of Eversfield in 1935. His death is recorded in the burial register of St Mary's.
Leonard	Neno	06/06/1944, D Day, buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, Bayeux, France	Lance Corporal, Devonshire Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Service No 561950	Resident of Bratton Clovelly from 1916 to his death in 1944. Attended Bratton Clovelly School from 1916 to about 1922. Away for service 1935 to his death on D Day in 1944.
Sydney James	Rice	24/05/1940, buried at Ballangen New Cemetery, Ballangen, Norway	Sergeant, 165 Battery, 55 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, Service No 1461217	Lived with his parents James and Emma Jane Rice at South Ville 1923-1926. His family returned to Bratton Clovelly, living at Walker Villa from 1937 to the early 1940s.

## Malta Cross Hero



**Leonard Neno (1912-1944)**  
from his obituary in the Western Times 4 Aug 1944.  
Leonard served in India before the War, then France,  
Malta, Egypt, Tunisia, Sicily and Italy. His service in  
Malta of over two years during almost continuous aerial  
attack earned him the headline of 'Malta Cross Hero'.

### Others Related to the Parish Who Gave Their Lives in World War II

Given Name	Surname	Death	Regiment	Relationship to Parish
Godfrey	Bremridge	12/09/1941, buried at Sywell Saints Peter and Paul Churchyard, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, England	Private, Army Service Corps, Service No 034725, Flight Lieutenant, Royal Air Force	Married Monica Bennett, daughter of Rev R K Bennett, in Bratton Clovelly in 1922.



Godfrey first served in World War I with the Army Service Corps, transferring to the Royal Flying Corps in 1917. He was awarded the Air Force Cross as a WWI Flying Ace. He flew a Sopwith Camel for 65 Squadron, driving down three enemy airplanes and destroying two others.  
From [www.winkleighheroes.com](http://www.winkleighheroes.com).



Godfrey Bremridge (1895-1941)  
Royal Aero Club Aviator's Certificate in 1934.  
Godfrey married Monica Bennett,  
daughter of Rev R K Bennett,  
at St Mary's in Bratton Clovelly in 1922.



Godfrey re-joined the Royal Air Force with the onset of World War II as a much needed Pilot Instructor. He died in a flying accident in a Tiger Moth at Sywell Aerodrome and was buried with full military honours.  
From [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com).

## **Those Who Served: World War I to World War II**

Surname	Given Name	Est Birth & Death	Est Service Dates	Conflicts	Regiment(s)	Died or Wounded	Bratton Clovelly Residences	Relationship to Parish	Other Information
Adams	James	1895-?	1918-1923	WWI			Chestermoor, Northcombe Moor, Langworthy Moor	Baptised in Bratton Clovelly in 1895, living at Chestermoor. Absent naval or military voter in the 1918 Bratton Clovelly Voters List and also in 1922-1923, living at Langworthy Moor.	Son of James (gamekeeper) and Emily Adams. With parents in 1901 at Northcombe Moor. With parents in 1911, working on farm. Married Hannah Louise Carter in Bratton Clovelly in 1923 while working as a chauffeur. Farmer when he voted in the 1930s, living at Langworthy Moor and identified as 'senior' (had son of same name).
Adams	John Headon	1905-1977	1924-1936		Private, Royal Tank Corps, Service No 7876919		Northcombe Cottage, Langworthy Moor	Baptised in Bratton Clovelly 1905, living at Northcombe Cottage.	Son of James (farmer and trapper) and Emily Adams. With parents in 1911 at Northcombe Cottage. Identified as a motor driver when he enlisted, residing at Langworthy Moor. Enlisted in 1924 and transferred to Reserves in 1930, discharged in 1936. John died in Torbay in 1977.
Angus	Matthew George	1915-2001	1940	WWII	Civil Service, Royal Navy			Married Vera Annie Hellyer in Bratton Clovelly in 1940.	Born in Devonport in 1915. Living in Plymouth when he married Vera in 1940, working for the Royal Navy in the civil service when he married. Died in Surrey in 2001.
Barkwill	Silas Henry	1882-1960	1918-1919	WWI	Sapper, Construction Troops Depot, Royal Engineers, Service No 208081	Other Medical		Enlistment papers state that Silas was born in Bratton Clovelly in 1882, but he may have been born in Halwill. Silas' father Henry was from Bratton Clovelly.	Although Silas' enlistment papers state that he was born in Bratton Clovelly in 1882, it seems more likely that he was born in Halwill as listed in the 1891 census. Son of Henry Barkwill (platelayer) from Bratton Clovelly and his wife Bessie. With parents in Virginstow in 1891 ('Barkwell') and Broadwodwidge in 1901. Married Amy L Dawe in Horrabridge, Devon in 1910. Was living in Ashburton, Devon and working as a Leading Packer for Great Western Railway when he enlisted. Served with the British Salonika and Expeditionary Forces in 1918-1919. Received the Victory Medal. Medical report from his Pension records identifies that he suffered from malaria until 1921, which afflicted many who served in the Salonika Force. Silas died in Falmouth, Cornwall in 1960.



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Barkwill	William Henry	1879-1942	1898-1904, 1915-1919	Boer War, WWI	Private, Devonshire Regiment, Service No 5173 (Boer War & 20861 (WWI), Dorset Regiment (WWI), Service No 19759	Wounded		Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1879.	Son of James (platelayer) and Elizabeth of Bratton Clovelly. With parents in 1881, 1891 ('Barkwell') at Patchacott Cottage, Beaworthy. Army pension papers at ancestry.co.uk. Groom on his enlistment papers, served in South Africa during the Boer War 1899-1903. Attained the rank of Lance Corporal during the Boer War but reverted upon his own request following the War. Received the Kings South Africa Medal, always issued with the Queens South Africa Medical. Received Battle Clasps for Relief of Ladysmith, Tugela Heights and Laing's Nek, as well as State Clasps for Orange Free State and Transvaal. Medically discharged in 1904 with heart disease brought on by work in the Mounted Infantry. Married Mary Jane Beer in Okehampton District in 1906. With wife and children in Okehampton in 1911, domestic gardener and Army pensioner. Re-enlisted in 1915, fit for home service only but sent with British Expeditionary Force in 1917-1918. Gunshot wound to shoulder. British War Medal, Victory Medal. Domestic gardener when he died of an ulcer in 1942 (pension papers have copy of death certificate) in Okehampton.
Bennett	Thomas Henry		1918	WWI			Risdon	Absent naval or military voter in 1918 Voters List, living at Risdon Farm.	We haven't been able to place Thomas yet. Appears unrelated to Rev Robert Kinninmonth Bennett, the only other Bennett family in Bratton Clovelly at this time.
Bowden	John Brimacombe	1892-	1910-1920	WWI	Able Seaman, Royal Navy, Service No J7851		Little Burrow	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1892, baptised in 1896 living at Little Burrow.	Son of John Thomas (dairyman) and Mary Jane Bowden who lived in Bratton Clovelly through much of the 1890s. With parents in Greenwich in 1901. Ordinary seaman aboard the 'Duncan' in the Mediterranean in 1911. WWI medals included the Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal according to UK Naval Medal Rolls, European Theatre.

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Bowles	Arthur William	1892-1916	1916	WWI	Private, Devonshire Regiment, 9th Battalion, Service No 16942	Died	Eversfield	On the Bratton Clovelly WWI Memorial. Gamekeeper for Major Gill of Eversfield for three years.	Born in Gloucestershire in 1892. Son of Albert (gardener) and Elizabeth. With parents in the 1901 census in Cornwell, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. Arthur had only been in France two months when he was killed in the 'Big Push'. He died 1 July 1916 and is buried at Devonshire Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France. Received Victory Medal and British War Medal.
Box	William John	1897-1949	1918-1919	WWI	(possibly) Private, Devonshire Regiment, Service No 266211		Bratton Hill, Village, Town Farm Cottage	Baptised in Bratton Clovelly in 1897. Left Bratton Clovelly School in 1911. Married in Bratton Clovelly and died at Town Farm Cottage in 1949.	Son of William John and Mary Anne. Living with his parents at Bratton Hill in 1901 and 1911, working as a cattle boy in the 1911 census. Absent naval or military voter in 1918-1919, living in the Village. If we've identified the correct Medal Card, he received the British War and Victory Medals. Married Emily Eliza Maynard in 1919, working as a labourer. Voter in the 1930s living in the Village.
Branch	Fred James	1872-1934	1889-1918	WWI	Battery Sergeant Major, Royal Artillery, Service No 74965, Royal Flying Corps Service No 130328			Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1872.	Son of James (agricultural labourer) and Mary. With parents in 1881, living at Parsonage Cottage in Beaworthy. Joined the Royal Navy in 1889. His service records show that he served in India 1893-1901. Married Edith Jane Newcombe in 1901 and Beatrice Emmie Gliddon in 1909, both marriages in the Okehampton District. In the 1911 census, he is with his wife Emmie and three children in Lambeth, noting 21 years service and working as an Instructor Territorials. Received Long Service Medal. His WWI Medal Card identifies that he served in France and received the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal, however his Pension records only cover his service to 1913. His records contain many details of his marriages and children's baptisms. Died in Abingdon, Oxfordshire in 1934.

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Bremridge	Godfrey	1895-1941	1914-1941	WWI, WWII	Private, Army Service Corps, Service No 034725, Flight Lieutenant, Royal Air Force	Died		Married Monica Bennett, daughter of Rev R K Bennett, in Bratton Clovelly in 1922.	<p>Born in Torrington in 1895. Second son of Rev Henry Bremridge, Vicar of Winkleigh. With father and stepmother Charlotte May R Godwin in Winkleigh in 1901. Student at Haileybury College, Hertford in 1911, where he gained a scholarship according to a Western Times article. Joined Army Service Corps and was with the British Expeditionary Force in 1915-1916 but then transferred to the Royal Flying Corps in 1917 for appointment to a commission. Received the 1915 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal for service including the Egypt Theatre. Awarded the Air Force Cross in 1919 as a World War I flying ace flying a Sopwith Camel for 65 Squadron, driving down three enemy airplanes and destroying two others. Emigrated to South Africa where he started an orange farm in White Rivers, Transvaal. Married in Bratton Clovelly, the wedding announced in the Western Times 18 Aug 1922. In the thirties, the family returned to England and he re-joined the RAF with the onset of World War II. He died at Sywell Aerodrome, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire 12 September 1941 where he was a Pilot Instructor at the Brooklands Flying Club. Commemorated at Commonwealth War Graves Commission website and buried at Sywell St Peter and Paul Churchyard. The Western Times of 15 Sep 1941 reported that one of his three children, Sylvia, had been elected as "Miss 1939 of the Air" by the Brooklands Flying Club and had been flying since the age of two. The National Probate Calendar reported effects of over £18000.</p>

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Brendon	Alfred Rundle	1897-1962	1918-1919	WWI	Private, 444 Agricultural Company Labour Corps, Service No 672692		Calehouse	Absent naval or military voter in the 1918-1919 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists. With parents at Calehouse in 1921.	Born in Peter Tavy in 1897. Son of Alfred (farmer) and Mary Ann. With parents in Peter Tavy in 1901 and 1911. Died in Newton Abbot in 1962. The National Probate Calendar reported effects of £4400.
Broom	William Margary	1882-?	1901-1949	WWI, WWII	Gunner, Royal Navy, Service No 198961, Lieutenant Commander, Royal Navy		School House	In the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists as an absent military voter 1926-1932. His wife Emily Giddy Broom was resident at the Bratton Clovelly School House during this time.	Born in Newton Abbot in 1883. Son of John Robert (wood joiner) and Elizabeth Broom. With widowed mother in 1891 (father identified because his brother Alfred is with both parents in 1901). Ordinary seaman aboard the vessel 'Ocean' in Hong Kong in 1901 as 'Wm M Broom'. Gunner in 1911. In the UK Navy Lists 1911-1949. WWI Naval Medals included the Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Lieutenant Commander in 1935. He appears to have briefly retired in 1938 but quickly returned to active duty.
Brown	Alexander	?-1916	1916	WWI	Private, Middlesex Regiment, 11th Battalion, Duke of Cambridge's Own, Service No G/11045	Died		On the Bratton Clovelly WWI Memorial. Relationship to parish not known but was possibly working for Major Gill of Eversfield (1100 acres), Recruiting Officer for Exeter, who had signed up two of his working men before this date.	Born in Edinburgh according to his enlistment papers. He died 5 March 1916 and is buried at the Lillers Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. The Aberdeen Evening Express of 25 Mar 1916 reported that there were over 7000 dead in the British Expeditionary Force including soldiers of the 11th Battalion, Middlesex.
Brown	Thomas John	1906-1940	1940	WWII	Driver, Royal Army Service Corps, Service No T/127767	Died	Lower Voaden, Eversfield	Born at Lower Voaden Farm in 1906. Attended Bratton Clovelly School. Voted in Bratton Clovelly in the 1930s and held part of Eversfield in 1935. His death is recorded in the burial register of St Mary's.	Son of Thomas Brown (farmer) and Julia Williams of Bratton Clovelly and known as 'Jack'. He left Bratton Clovelly school in 1919 to attend Okehampton Grammar School. He was wounded in the evacuation of Dunkirk and died in hospital there. Jack was buried at Whalley (Queen Mary's Hospital) Military Cemetery in Whalley, Lancashire. On the anniversary of his death, his parents commemorated him in the Western Morning News: 'In loving memory of Jack (Driver, Royal Army Service Corps), who died of wounds received in action at Dunkirk, May 28th, 1940, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Brown, Eversfield, Bratton Clovelly.'

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Chammings	Frank	1920-?	1939-1950	WWII	Chief SAM (Aircraftman), Royal Australian Air Force, Service No A40513		Village	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1920.	Son of William Thomas Chammings of Inwardleigh and Charity Ann Parsons of Bratton Clovelly, and brother of William John Chammings who also served. Frank's service records are available online from the National Archives of Australia. It appears that he was an aircraft mechanic. The records identify his wife as Florence Chammings. He received the Royal Navy Good Conduct and Long Service Medal.
Chammings	William John	1915-1990	1936-?	WWII			Village	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1915. Absent naval or military voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists of 1936-1938.	Son of William Thomas Chammings of Inwardleigh and Charity Ann Parsons of Bratton Clovelly, who married in Bratton Clovelly in 1903 and lived in the Village then 1 Church Cottages for the rest of their lives. They are buried at St Mary's. Absent naval or military voter in the 1936-1938 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists. William died in Torbay, Devon in 1990.
Cheeseman	Ralph Edward	1895-1961	1915-1919, 1942-1945	WWI, WWII	Sergeant, First AIF Australian Imperial Force, Service No 3074 (WWI), Australian Defence Canteen Service, Service No V216118 (WWII)	Wounded		Married Elizabeth (Bessie) May Palmer of Bratton Clovelly. The marriage took place in Tavistock in 1918.	Born in Carngham, Victoria, Australia in 1895. Youngest son of Alfred John Cheeseman and Jane Elizabeth Wright. Enlisted in 1915 and was shipped to join the 57th Battalion in Egypt. He then went to France and survived the Battle of Fromelles but was later wounded. After recuperating in a hospital in Wandsworth, he returned only to be wounded again twice and was then sent to a hospital near Brighton. He and Bessie met and married and returned to Australia, where he was medically discharged for a gunshot wound to his right hand. However, he rejoined again in WWII as a retired caterer and served in the Australian Defence Canteen Service. He and Bessie had a son named Palmer. Ralph died in 1966 in Caulfield South, Victoria. His story and photos are at <a href="http://graemecheeseman.com/ralphcheeseman.htm">graemecheeseman.com/ralphcheeseman.htm</a> .
Cole	Ernest	1894-?	?-1921	WWI	Seaman Gunner, Royal Navy, HMS Dartmouth		Village, Northcombe	In the 1918-1921 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists as an absent naval or military voter with residence of the Village. With parents at Northcombe in	Born circa 1894 in Manaton, Devon. Son of Robert (agricultural labourer) and Lucy Cole. With parents in North Bovey in 1901. His brothers enrolled in Bratton Clovelly school in 1909 and his father originally from Bratton Clovelly. Boy sailor in 1911 in Portland. We have

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								the 1922 Voters List.	not been able to identify his service number due to his common name.
Cole	Percival Wallace	1919-	1940	WWII			South Hill	Born 1919 in Bratton Clovelly. Enrolled in Bratton Clovelly School 1924- 1933, leaving at age 14.	Son of Emmanuel Cole & Eliza Box of South Hill. We know that Percy served because the Western Times 23 Feb 1940 reported that he was away on active service at the time of his father's funeral.
Congdon	Frank Thomas	1914-1992	1940	WWII	Private, York & Lancaster Regiment			Married Muriel Adams in Bratton Clovelly in 1940.	Born about 1914. Son of Thomas James Congdon (tailor) and Eva Warren of Newton Abbott. Occupation listed as railway porter in his marriage record, with residence of Crownhill Barracks, Plymouth. The marriage was reported in the Western Times 11 Oct 1940. Died in Newton Abbot in 1992.
Coombs	Thomas Charles	1912-1986	1939	WWII	Engineer, Royal Air Force			Married Marjorie Beryl Jordan in Bratton Clovelly in 1939.	Born in Wandsworth, London in 1912. Son of Thomas Coombs and Ada Mary Hand. Corporal when he married Marjorie, stationed at Weston Super Mare. Sadly, Marjorie died the same year they were married as reported in the Western Times 29 Dec 1939. Thomas died in New Forest, Hampshire in 1986.
Crocker	Reginald John	1905-1983	1926				Bratton Mill	In the 1926 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists as an absent naval or military voter.	Born in Okehampton in 1905. Son of John Crocker (horseman) and Elizabeth Phare. With grandparents James (gamekeeper) and Emma Crocker in Hatherleigh in 1911 as 'Reggie'. Parents at Bratton Mill from 1921-1926. Married Nancy Hicks in Tavistock in 1934. Died in Tavistock in 1983.
Crocker	William James	1903-1975	1923-1926				Bratton Mill	In the 1923-1926 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists as an absent naval or military voter.	Born in Okehampton in 1903. Son of John Crocker (horseman) and Eliza Phare. With parents in Okehampton in 1911. Parents at Bratton Mill from 1921-1926. Died in Tavistock in 1975.
Cutland	Albert John	1882-1947	1915-1919	WWI	Corporal, Royal Horse Artillery, Service no 19263, 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Field Artillery		Culm Cottage, Court Barton	In the 1918-1919 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists as an absent naval or military voter with residence Culm Cottage. Continued to appear in the Voter Lists living at Court Barton after he left the service.	Born in Kilnhurst, Yorkshire in 1882 (BMD birth record erroneously under 'Cutlang') and baptised at the Wesleyan Chapel. Son of John Cutland (schoolmaster) and Bessie Ann Bolt. His father had previously been Bratton Clovelly schoolmaster back in 1878. With parents in Yorkshire in 1891, 1901 and 1911, working as a schoolteacher in 1901 and 1911. Albert and his

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								Married Lily Paige in Bratton Clovelly in 1922. Parish clerk and rate collector for Bratton Clovelly in business directories of the 1930s. Albert died at Court Barton in 1947.	brother Ernest appear as absent voters in the 1918-1919 Voter Lists, where their father is listed as living at Culm Cottage. Served in the Royal Horse Artillery and home on leave in 1917 from France, where he had been since the beginning of the war and was studying gunnery according to the Western Times of 18 May 1917. Commissioned in the Royal Field Artillery in 1918. Received the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. Married Lily Paige at the United Methodist Church in Bratton Clovelly, as announced in the Western Times of 22 April 1922, where his father was a local preacher. When Albert died in 1947, he left effects of almost £4000 to his wife according to the National Probate Calendar.
Cutland	Ernest Edward	1887-?	1915-1919	WWI	Corporal, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Service No 2507 & 325441, Sapper, Royal Engineers, Service No 401985, Labour Corps, Service No 414460		Culm Cottage	In the 1918-1919 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists as an absent naval or military voter with residence Culm Cottage.	Born in Kilnhurst, Yorkshire in 1887 and baptised at the Wesleyan Chapel. Son of John Cutland (schoolmaster) and Bessie Ann Bolt (see notes for his brother Albert John Cutland). With parents in Yorkshire in 1891 and 1901 at which time he was a pupil teacher. Received the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. Married Annabel M Burnard in Southampton in 1919.
Downes	William Thomas	1877-1956	1917-1918	WWI	possibly Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, Service No 184061		Palmer's Hill	Kennelman for Major Gill of Eversfield. Absent naval or military voter in the 1918 Bratton Clovelly Voters List, with residence Palmer's Hill.	Born 1878 in Shropshire. Married Jemima Mountjoy (nee ?) in Portsmouth in 1903. Major Gill tried to get him an exemption as seen in the Western Times 2 Oct 1916, however the exemption was denied. His children were enrolled in Bratton Clovelly school 1916-1919 at which time they moved to Kelly, Devon. Before Bratton Clovelly, the children had been enrolled at Briton Ferry, Neath Port Talbot, Wales. Two of William's stepsons also served in World War I.
Dymond	Alfred William	1893-1950	1915-1919	WWI	Private, Devonshire	Wounded	Culmpit	Came home on leave for Easter in 1915 to his wife and children	Born in Langtree, Devon in 1893. Son of Silas Dymond (clay labourer) and Charlotte Welsh. With widowed

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					Regiment, Service No 15681			in Bratton Clovelly. In the 1918-1919 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists as an absent naval or military voter with residence Culmpit.	mother in 1901. Cowman in Buckland Brewer in 1911. Married Elizabeth A Cole in the Okehampton District in 1913. Timber haulier when he enlisted in 1915. While serving in the British Expeditionary Force, he was wounded in the thigh during the 'Big Push' in France but was recuperating well in a Northampton Hospital according to the Western Times 11 Aug 1916. Returned to service in the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. Received the 1914-15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Died in the Okehampton District in 1950.
Furse	Edwin Thomas	1895-?	1914-1915	WWI	Acting Bombardier, Royal Field Artillery, Service No 1247 and 865620		The Stores	Waggoner for Henry John and Ilet Pellow Smale at The Stores, Bratton Clovelly in 1911.	Born in Ashwater, Devon in 1895. Son of Thomas Smale Furse (grocer and draper) and Elizabeth (Bessie) Sillick. With parents in Virginstow in 1901, under surname 'Furse'. During 1914 and early 1915, some serving members of the Territorials, including Edwin, were sent to the garrisons around the Empire to free up Regulars to return to the UK and then to France. This service entitled them to the British War Medal and the Territorial Force War Medal, one of the rarer campaign medals. Migrated to Canada in 1921 to join sister Mrs Bridgman in Toronto, according to Canada Ocean Arrivals at ancestry.co.uk. His trip was partly funded by a settlement bonus and his occupation was listed as a farmer.
Gerry	Elliot	1896-1963	1916-1918	WWI	Private, Machine Gun Corps, Service No 113386, Devonshire Regiment, Service No 202468		Higher Voaden	With brother William Thomas Gerry (one of his 11 siblings) and his family at Higher Voaden, Bratton Clovelly in 1911. Left Bratton Clovelly School in 1911 at the age of 14.	Born in Holsworthy in 1897. Son of Thomas Gerry (rabbit trapper) and Mary Jane Parsons. With parents in 1901. Received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Emigrated to Melbourne, Australia as a saddler in 1923 according to UK Outward Passenger Lists, aboard the same ship as another Bratton Clovelly WWI soldier, Richard Woodrow. Listed as Elliot Drake Gerry in Australia. Married Dorothy Dobson in Victoria in 1927, with whom he had a son Elliot George. Elliot died in Victoria in 1963.
Gregory	Sydney Maurice	1885-1915	1914-1915	WWI	2nd Lieutenant, London	Died		Son of Rev William H Gregory who was minister for Boasley	Born in St Austell, Cornwall in 1885. With parents in Somerset in 1891, where his father was a Bible Christian



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					Regiment (City of London Rifles), 6th Battalion			Methodist Chapel when Sydney was killed in action.	minister. Student at Shebbear College, founded by the Bible Christians, in 1901. Civil servant for Inland Revenue in Stroud in 1911. He became a 2nd Lieutenant in 1914 according to the London Gazette. The WWI Unit Diaries are now available from The National Archives and the details of Sydney's last battle are described. He died from enemy shelling during the Battle of Festubert, a battle that resulted in over 16,000 British casualties in a ten-day period. Sydney died 18 May 1915 and was buried at Brown's Road Military Cemetery, Festubert, Pas de Calais, France. He was awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.
Griffin	William Henry	1894-1926	1915-1918	WWI	Private, British Army	Wounded	Buckets House, Village	With grandparents Charles & Maria Griffin at Bucket's House in 1901 and 1911. Came home on leave several times and was then In the 1918-1920 Voters Lists with his grandmother and subsequently with his wife Edith Wooldrige until he died in 1926.	Born in Tavistock in 1894. Possibly the son of Caroline Griffin. With grandparents Charles Griffin and Maria Voaden Smallacombe at Buckets House in 1901 ('Griffen'). Servant at Morstone Farm in 1911. On leave in Bratton Clovelly in 1915, also in 1916 and returned to France. The Western Times reported that William was injured in October 1916. His name is too common to establish which Medal Card belongs to him. Married Edith Annie Wooldridge in 1921. He and Edith appear in the Voters Lists living in the Village until his death 10 Apr 1926 at Tavistock Hospital. He left effects of £418 to his wife according to the National Probate Calendar. Edith died two years later.
Hammond	Urban	1895-1944	1915-1919	WWI	Private, 3/1 Royal North Devon Yeomanry, Service No 2506, Devonshire Regiment, 16th Battalion, Service No 345764	Wounded	Risdon, Blackabroom	Listed as Erwin Hammond as an absent military voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters List of 1918. With mother and brothers in the 1919-1922 Voters Lists, living at Risdon. They moved to Blackabroom in 1923 where he remained until his death in 1944.	Born in Madley, Staffordshire in 1895. Son of James Hammond and Elizabeth Wood. With family in 1901. Cowman in Okehampton in 1911. Enlisted in 1915, identified in his service records and the North Devon Journal of 27 May 1915. He listed his occupation as farmer. Embarked for Egypt in 1916. Wounded in 1917 but remained on duty. Embarked for Marseilles in 1918. He received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. He appears as Erwin in the 1918-1928 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists and after that as Urban. Urban died at Devon & Exeter Hospital in 1944 while still living at

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									Blackabroom with his mother and was buried at St Mary's. He left effects of over £2800 to his brother John James Hammond. His mother died the following year.
Hawton	Edward	1886-?	1917-1919	WWI	Sapper, Dorset Regiment, Royal Engineers, Service No 7662 Sapper, 415th (Lowland) Field Company, Royal Engineers, Service No 224820	Other Medical	Village	Living in Bratton Village in 1891 and 1901 with his grandparents, James (mason) and Mary Hawton. With grandmother and mother (identified as aunt) Mary A Squance (nee Hawton) in 1911, working as a mason.	Born in Totnes, Devon circa 1886. Son of Mary A. Hawton. Identified as Edmond/Edmund when living with grandparents in Bratton Village in 1891 and 1901. Baptised at St Mary's in 1909 with his mother listed as Mary. Married Annie Corrina White in Salisbury in 1915. Attested in 1915, mobilised in 1917. Deemed proficient as a skilled bricklayer upon entry into the service. His service records identify him as member of Bratton Clovelly Friendly Society. Edward did not serve overseas, as he experienced significant knee disability in 1917 possibly aggravated by drill and possibly due to rheumatoid arthritis. He was discharged in 1919.
Heale	William George	1885-1973	1915-1919	WWI	Private, No 2 (Res) Battalion, Machine Gun Corps, Service No 172945		Police Station, Village	Police constable in Bratton Clovelly when he enlisted. William's children were baptised in Bratton Clovelly. Absent military voter in the 1918 Voter's List for the parish, residence in the Village. Home in Bratton Clovelly in 1919-1920 and children enrolled in Bratton Clovelly School.	Born in High Bickington, Devon in 1885. Son of William Gill Heale (coachman and groom) and Priscilla Ellen Lythaby. With parents in 1891. Teamster on farm in High Bickington in 1901 ('Heal'). Police constable Devon Constabulary in Newton Abbot in 1911. Married Alice May Clarke in 1913 ('Heals'). Living in Bratton Clovelly when he enlisted. Police constable at enlistment. It appears that he attested in 1915 but wasn't mobilised until 1918, likely due to occupation. Moved from Bratton Clovelly to Slapton, Devon in 1920. William died in Bideford, Devon in 1973.
Heath	Mary Jane	1853-1923	1918	WWI			Old Rectory (Domons)	Resided at the Old Rectory (Domons) in Bratton Clovelly from at least 1908 to 1919. Absent naval or military voter in 1918. Her daughters, Mildred and Hilda, both married in Bratton Clovelly in 1909.	Maiden name Mary Jane Shaw, born at Haigh Hall in Haigh, Yorkshire. Wife of Richard Heath, physician. With husband and children 1881 to 1901 in Sussex. Her husband is in the Voters List as owning the Old Rectory (Domons) in Bratton Clovelly in 1903. Then Mary Jane ('Jane') is listed as owning Domons from about 1908 to 1919. Widowed in the 1911 census. Absent naval or military voter in 1918 Voters List. We have found no information on Mary Jane's service. Back at Domons in 1919 Voters List. Mary Jane died at Bryn Tavy, Mary

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									Tavy, Devon in 1923 leaving over £10,000 in effects as identified in the National Probate Calendar. The probate identifies her daughters as executrices.
Heggadon	Norman Samuel	1896-1986	1917-1918	WWI	Royal Marine Light Infantry, Plymouth Division, Service No 2264		Blackabroom, Ellacott	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1896. Attended Bratton Clovelly School 1901-1909.	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1896. Son of Samuel Heggadon (farmer) and Thirza Lintern. With parents at Blackabroom Farm in 1901. Attended Bratton Clovelly School 1901-1909, leaving for Shebbear College. With parents at Ellacott Farm in 1911, as a farm labourer living at Ellacott. Enlisted in 1917. Married Lillian E Friend in Okehampton District in 1921 (listed as 'Horman'). West Devon farmer in phone directories. Norman died in the Okehampton District in 1986.
Horrell	Henry	1898-?	1918-1919	WWI	Private, 3rd Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, Service No 46453	Other Medical	Village, South Barton, Barton Cottage	Attended Bratton Clovelly School from 1899 to 1910, living in the Village. Living at South Barton when he enlisted in 1915 and living at Barton Cottage in 1918.	Born in Cork, Ireland in 1898. Son of Bessie Horrell. With mother and siblings in Bratton Clovelly in 1901 and 1911. Living at South Barton when he enlisted in 1915 but wasn't mobilised until 1918. Ancestry pension records show that he suffered from rheumatism and spent 7 of his 10 months in the Army in hospital. He was discharged as medically unfit in 1919. Received Silver War Badge. Married Winifred Annie Shobbrook in 1918 and lived at Barton Cottage.
Horrell	Sidney	1889-1972	1916-1919	WWI	Stoker 1st Class, Royal Navy, Service No K/36717		Village, Langworthy Cottages, Church View	Born and raised in Bratton Clovelly. Sidney remained in Bratton Clovelly after the War, living at Church View with his wife Edith until his death in 1972. He is buried at St Mary's.	Baptised in Bratton Clovelly in 1889 ('Sydney Horrel'). Son of James Horrell (road contractor) and Jane Harris. With parents in 1891 and 1901 ('Horrel'), residence Village. Farm labourer at Langworthy Cottages in 1911. Married Edith Emily Pilley in 1916. Listed his occupation as cowman when he enlisted in 1916. Mostly served aboard HMS Resolution. Absent naval or military voter in the 1918-1919 Voters Lists. Received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Sidney and Edith remained in Bratton Clovelly for the rest of his life, living at Church View. He is listed as Sidney James Horrell in the St Mary's burial register in 1972.
Hortop	Arthur John	1898-1976	1917-1919	WWI	Private, Devonshire		Metherel, Metherel	With grandfather James Hortop (agricultural labourer) at	Born in Beaworthy, Devon in 1898. Arthur was a prisoner of war in Turkish hands according to the

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					Regiment, Service No 16196		Cottage	Metherel in 1901 and 1911. Absent military voter in 1918-1919 Voters Lists, residence Metherel Cottage.	Western Times of 10 Apr 1918. Received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Married Florence G Reed in Crediton, Devon in 1927 ('Hortopp'). Arthur died in Tiverton in 1976.
Hortop	Thomas	1879-1966	1915-1919	WWI	Private, Royal North Devon Yeomanry, Service No 1172, Devon Regiment, 5th Battalion, Service No 345673		Metherel Tower, Metherel	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1879. Grew up at Metherel Farm. Absent military voter in Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists of 1918-1919.	Son of James Hortop (agricultural labourer) and Susanna Luxton. With parents at Metherel Tower in 1881. With widowed father at Metherel in 1891. Milkman on farm in Whitchurch in 1901. Back with father in 1911 working as a domestic groom. Entered the military in 1915. Received the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Married Florence L Davis 1922 Barnstaple. Thomas died in Barnstaple in 1966.
Hutcheson	Alfred William	1881-1916	1915-1916	WWI	Private, Devonshire Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Service No 15587	Died	Chestermoor	On the Bratton Clovelly WWI Memorial. With wife and children at Chestermoor, Bratton Clovelly in 1911, working as an undergardener. Western Times reported him missing 11 Aug 1916 and identified that he was a former workman for Miss Whitmore of Bannadon.	Born in Cambridge in 1881. Son of Alfred and Mary A. With parents in 1891. 'William' in 1901, with brother-in-law and sister James and Florence Newport in Paddington working as a horsekeeper. Private in the 3rd Devonshire when his daughter was born in Bratton Clovelly in 1915. Alfred died 1 July 1916 on the Somme and is buried in the Thiepval Memorial Cemetery, Somme, France. Received the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.
James	William Henry	1890-?	1918-1919	WWI			Railway Cottages, Village	With widowed father John Karslake James (agricultural labourer) at Railway Cottages in 1901, identified as 'Henry'. Absent naval or military voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voter Lists of 1918-1919, with residence listed as the Village.	Born in Germansweek, Devon in 1890. Son of John Karslake James & Sibella Medland. With parents in 1891. With widowed father in Bratton Clovelly in 1901. Wagoner in Black Torrington in 1911. We have not been able to identify his service number due to his common name.
Kenyon-Slaney	Gerald William	1899-1953	1918-1938	WWII	Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards (WWI),		Langworthy	Baptised in Bratton Clovelly in 1899, living at Langworthy. With parents in 1901. Absent military voter in the Bratton	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1899. With parents in 1901 ('Kenyon Harry'). At school in Okehampton in 1911. Attained rank of Lieutenant in 1920. Died in Devon in 1953.

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					Colonel, British Military Administration, Eritrea			Clovelly Voters Lists of 1918-1920. Home on draft leave in 1918 according to the Western Times of 1 Nov 1918 so probably joined up just after the War. Gerald's parents are buried at St Mary's.	From The Peerage, www.thepeerage.com: 'Colonel Gerald William Kenyon-Slaney was born on 20 July 1899. He was the son of Percy Robert Kenyon-Slaney and Geraldine Ellen Georgina Whitmore. He married Barbara Nannette Skipwith, daughter of Reverend Granville Gore Skipwith and Violet Mary Tyser, on 23 June 1928. He died on 27 December 1953 at age 54. He gained the rank of Lieutenant in the service of the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards. He graduated from Oxford University, Oxford, Oxfordshire, England, with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.). He gained the rank of Colonel in the service of the British Military Administration, Eritrea. He was with the Administration Service, Nyasaland. Gerald was invested as an Officer, Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) in 1941.'
Kenyon-Slaney	Philip Percy	1896-1928		WWI	Captain, 16th Devon Regiment, Major, 96th Royal Devon Yeomanry, Royal Field Artillery	Wounded	Langworthy	With parents in Bratton Clovelly in 1901 and 1911, living at Langworthy. Absent military voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists of 1918-1920. Philip's parents are buried at St Mary's.	Born in Argentina in 1896. With parents at Langworthy in 1901 ('Kenyon Harry') and 1911 ('Kenyon Llaney'). Received the Military Cross for exceptional bravery in active operations. Philip's detailed death notice is in the Western Times of 14 Sep 1928. From Wikipedia: 'Major Philip Percy Kenyon-Slaney MC (12 February 1896 – 9 September 1928) was a British Conservative Party politician. Kenyon-Slaney was son of Percy Kenyon-Slaney (1861-1911) and his wife, Geraldine Ellen Georgina, daughter of the Reverend George William Whitmore, who had made their home at Langworthy, Devon. His uncle Colonel William Kenyon-Slaney had also been a Member of Parliament. He was educated at Bradfield School. Throughout the First World War he served with Royal Devon Yeomanry which became the 96th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, seeing action on the Western Front. He was mentioned in despatches, awarded the Military Cross and was gassed several times, subsequently affecting his health. After the war he was on the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers with

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									the rank of Major. He was elected at the 1924 general election as Member of Parliament (MP) for the Tavistock division of Devon, and held the seat until his death, in a Torquay nursing home, in 1928, aged 32. His health had caused him to announce he would not stand at the next General Election. His last home was at Beechwood House, Plympton, Devon.'
Knight	Albert George	1887-?	1905-1920	WWI	Petty Officer, Royal Navy, Service No 225730		Village	Baptised in Bratton Clovelly in 1887, residing in the Village.	Son of William Taylor Knight (agricultural labourer) and Elizabeth Abbott. Father was living at Great Burrow when he married in 1875. With parents in Thrushelton in 1891. With widowed mother in Lamerton in 1901, working as a cattle boy. Joined the Royal Navy in 1905 as a boy sailor. Listed as Able Seaman in 1911, with mother in Morice Town, Plymouth. It is likely that he married Beatrice M Johnson in Plymouth in 1913. His naval service records at The National Archives identify the many ships he served on. Qualified for Petty Officer in 1914. Cited for service in land operations in Belgium in 1916-17. Awarded the 1914-15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Free discharge on compassionate grounds in 1920, which we think was when his wife died. Emigrated to Canada in 1920 with two children, identified as a farmer.
Knight	Horace	1899-1984	1919		Private, 3rd Oxford & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, Service No 47258		Village	Baptised in Bratton Clovelly in 1900, residing in the Village. With parents in 1901 and 1911. Attended Bratton Clovelly School from 1902 to 1913. Absent military voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists of 1919.	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1899. Son of William Knight (agricultural labourer) and Catherine Bickle. It is likely that he married Elsie M Day in 1921. May have joined the service shortly after the War ended. Horace died in the Okehampton District in 1984.
Knowles	Percy Robert	1895-1918	1916-1918	WWI	Sergeant, Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery, 9th Battalion,	Died	Risdon	Husband of Gladys Mary Hammond and son-in-law of James and Elizabeth Hammond of Risdon Farm (sometimes seen under Beaworthy). The	Born in Lindfield, Sydney in 1895. Son of Robert Walter & Alice Knowles of Sydney. Married Gladys Mary Hammond of Bratton Clovelly in Chatswood, New South Wales in 1913. Gladys may have emigrated to Australia in 1910. His service records are available online at The

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					Service No 1666			Hammonds were later residents of Blackabroom. Gladys (born 1891 Staffordshire), her parents and brothers are buried at Bratton Clovelly.	National Archives of AustraliaHe was in the Australian Militia before volunteering for the Australian Imperial Force in 1916. Residence listed as Lindfield, Sydney and religion listed as Presbyterian. Sent to France in 1916. Promoted to Sergeant in 1917. Percy died in Fovant Hospital of pneumonia, from the effects of gas on 30 Jan 1918. He is buried at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery in Wiltshire, England. He received the 1914-15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. His service records include his will in which he bequeathed everything to his wife living at Risdon Farm, Bratton Clovelly. Gladys' brother Urban Hammond also served in WWI.
Lashbrook	Alfred James	1896-1916	1916	WWI	Private, Royal North Devonshire Yeomanry, 1st Battalion, Service No 2604, Devonshire Regiment, Service No 346126	Died		The death notice in the North Devon Journal of 4 Jan 1917 identifies that Alfred was from Bratton Clovelly, so perhaps he was working in the parish before the War. He was the son of John and Bessie Lashbrook who were resident at Beamsworthy, Beaworthy at the time.	Born in Stratton, Cornwall in 1896. With parents in 1901. Alfred died of dysentery at Alexandria on 17 Dec 1916 and is buried at the Cairo War Memorial Cemetery. He was awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Sadly, his older brother Albert was killed in action nine months later.
Laycock	John	1890-1917	1916-1917	WWI	Private, Devonshire Regiment, Service No 51356, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Battalion, Service No 41638	Died	School House, Court Barton	With mother in Bratton Clovelly in 1901 at the School House where father (deceased) had been schoolmaster and his mother was a sewing teacher. Waggoner for the Dawes of Court Barton in 1911.	Born in East Halton, Lincolnshire in 1890. Son of John T & Eliza D Laycock. John died 16 Aug 1917 and is buried at Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is commemorated on the Bredestowe War Memorial and he received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. His mother was buried in Bratton Clovelly in 1919 (was living in Cornwall at the time of her death).
Liddicoat	Fernley Robert Cecil	1903-1979	1929-1945	WWII	Engine Room Artificer Third		Brattonia	Absent naval voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists	Born in Plymouth in 1903. Son of Fred Liddicoat (Royal Navy pensioner) and Hetty Lucas. With parents in

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					Class, Royal Navy, Service No M34925 (1928), Temporary Warrant Engineer (1944), Retired Officer (1949), Civil Officer (1962)			from 1929-1939, with his wife Lucy May Lilian Harris residing at Brattonia.	Plymouth in 1911. Service records at The National Archives cover Fernley's service 1917-1929 at which time his records were transferred to Cairo. Boy Artificer in 1917, Engine Room Artificer 3rd Class in 1928 (equivalent rank to a Chief Petty Officer). Married Lucy May Lilian Harris in Okehampton in 1926, also Ivy M Sherwill in Exeter in 1976. Received the Royal Navy Good Conduct and Long Service Medal in 1936 while aboard HMS Drake. In UK Navy List (ancestry) 1944-1962. Temporary Commissioned Warrant Engineer in 1943. Retired officer in 1947. Civil officer to 1962. Died in Exeter in 1979.
Luxton	Cecil Vincent	1898-1978	1918-1919	WWI	Driver, Royal Field Artillery, Service No 226875	Other Medical	North Breazle, Chimsworthy	Born at North Breazle in 1897, Cecil attended Bratton Clovelly School. He and his wife Agnes Vera Seccombe lived at Chimsworthy in Bratton Clovelly until 1958.	Son of Richard Luxton (farmer) and Elizabeth. With parents at North Breazle in 1901 and 1911. Attended Bratton Clovelly School from 1902 to 1911, leaving for Okehampton Higher Elementary (later Okehampton Grammar School). Multiple articles appear in the newspapers regarding his father seeking service exemptions for Cecil and his brothers so that they could tend to the farm. Absent military voter in Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists of 1918-1919, residence Chimsworthy. In hospital in France with influenza in 1918, according to the Western Times of 10 May 1918. Received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. He married Agnes Vera Seccombe in the Okehampton District in 1924. Farmer of over 150 acres at Chimsworthy in the 1930-1939 Kelly's Directories. Cecil and Agnes remained at Chimsworthy until 1958. He died in Tavistock in 1978.
Mallett	Joseph Charles Henry Valentine John	1884-1918		WWI	Private, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), 1st Battalion, Service No 27188,	Died		Married Eliza Horrell in Bratton Clovelly in 1907.	Born in Tavistock in 1884. Son of George William Mallett (house painter) and Loveday Louisa Treloar of Tavistock. With parents in 1891. With widowed mother and siblings in 1901, working as a rural postman in Whitchurch. With wife Eliza and three children in Tavistock in 1911, working as a town postman. Joseph was identified as missing in France in a Western Times



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					previously Somerset Light Regiment, Service No 32994 and Worcestershire Regiment, Service No 24477				article of 10 May 1918. He died 30 August 1918 and was buried at Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France.
Mayne	Frank	1891-1969	1918	WWI	Private, Devonshire Regiment, Service No 38715, South Wales Borderers, Service No 12188, Connaught Rangers, Service No 20369			Married Edith Mary Horrell in Bratton Clovelly in 1918.	Born in Chittlehampton, Devon in 1890. Son of William (stone mason) and Charlotte Mayne. With parents in Chittlehampton in 1891 and 1901. Frank was living in Broadwoodwidger when he married Edith Mary Horrell at St Mary's in 1918. He died in Tavistock in 1969.
Metters	Henry John	1865-1927	1882-1905, 1914-1919	Boxer Rebellion (1900), WWI	Petty Officer, Royal Navy, Service No 120558			Henry's service papers state that he was born in Bratton Clovelly but the censuses identify that he was born in Broadwoodwidger in 1865. Son of William Metters (agricultural labourer) and Ann Wood who married in Bratton Clovelly in 1862, both parents being from Bratton Clovelly.	With parents in Thrushelton in 1871. Joined the Royal Navy as a boy sailor in 1882, identifying his trade as a baker. Married Lavinia Mary Roberts in Stoke Damerel in 1893. Became Petty Officer 1st Class in 1896. With wife and children in Tywardreath, Cornwall in 1911, working as a china clay labourer. Left for the Ready Reserve in 1905 and re-joined in 1914, serving aboard the training ship HMS Powerful throughout the War. He received the China Medal in 1900 and the British War Medal for WWI service. Henry died in Crown Hill, Devon in 1927 leaving effects of £372 to his widow, according to the National Probate Calendar.
Moore	Walter John	1896-?	1915-1918	WWI	Private, 3/1st Royal North Devon Hussars,	Other Medical	School House	Walter was the son of William Moore, schoolmaster of Bratton Clovelly School.	Born in Bigbury, Devon in 1896. Son of William Moore, schoolmaster at Bratton Clovelly, and Ellen Dymond. Ellen passed away in 1897 and Walter was with his

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					Service No 2464, Devonshire Regiment, 16th Battalion, Service No 345750			However, his mother passed away the year following his birth and he was raised by his grandparents in Northlew. When Walter returned from the service, he lived with his father at the School House until 1924.	grandparents, William and Elizabeth Dymond, in Northlew in 1901 and 1911. He joined the Royal North Devon Hussars in 1915, a territorial force, according to his service papers at ancestry.co.uk. He deployed overseas with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force in 1916 and became a Turkish prisoner of war in December 1917, having been reported missing in Palestine in the Western Times of 21 Dec 1917. He was reported wounded in the Western Times of 10 Apr 1918 but it appears that instead he suffered from malaria and was treated with quinine which resulted in partial deafness. Absent military voter in the Bratton Clovelly 1918 Voters List, the year he was discharged. Received Victory Medal and British War Medal. Walter remained with his father at the Bratton Clovelly School House until 1924 but we don't know where he went after this time.
Mountjoy	Bertie Arthur	1898-1977	1915-1918	WWI	Corporal, Middlesex Regiment, 8th Battalion, Service No G/10798	Wounded	Eversfield	Bratton Clovelly absent military voter in 1918. With mother Jemima (nee Twine) and stepfather William Thomas Downes at Eversfield in 1919.	Born in Havant, Hampshire in 1898. Son of George Mountjoy (builder) and Jemima Twine. With parents in Havant in 1901 ('Birtie'), as well as brother Harold who also served. With mother and stepfather William Thomas Downes in Suffolk in 1911. Living with parents in South Wales and working as a grocer's assistant when he enlisted in 1915. Wounded in France as reported in the Western Times of 21 Dec 1917 but returned to action three months later. He was wounded again in October 1918 and returned to England for treatment at Beaufort Hospital in Bristol. Listed as an absent military voter in the Bratton Clovelly 1918 Voters List. Bertie received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. With mother and stepfather at Eversfield in 1919, where his father was a kennelman. Emigrated to the USA in 1920 working as a salesman, according to the Passenger Lists at ancestry.co.uk. Bertie married Mary C Ure in Cuyahoga County, Ohio in 1927. With wife and daughter Heather in Ohio in 1930, labourer at a rubber shop. Also in Ohio in the 1940 US Census, working as a manager for

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									the Hoover Company. Bertie died in Huntingdon Beach, California 19 Nov 1977.
Mountjoy	Harold George	1893-1962	1918-1919	WWI	Corporal, R W Suffolk Regiment, Service No 23555		Eversfield	Bratton Clovelly absent military voter in 1918 and 1919. With mother Jemima (nee Twine) and stepfather William Thomas Downes at Eversfield in the latter part of 1919.	Born in Portsea Island, Hampshire in 1893. Son of George Mountjoy (builder) and Jemima Twine. With parents in Havant in 1901, as well as brother Bertie who also served. Working in Sussex as an estate labourer in 1911. Bratton Clovelly absent military voter in 1918 and 1919, residence Eversfield House where his mother and stepfather William Thomas Downes (kennelkeeper) lived. Married Lillian Bridgeman Rose in Cambridge in 1924. Harold died in Cambridge in 1962 leaving effects of £450 to his widow.
Napper	Leslie James	1909-1990	1931-1947	WWII	Lieutenant, Acting Commissioned Gunner, Royal Navy		South Ville	Absent naval voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists of 1930-1939, with residence South Ville where his wife lived after they married in 1934.	Born in Newton Abbot, Devon in 1908. Son of John Napper (farmer) and Eliza Ellicombe. With parents in 1911. Married Josephine P L Andrews in Newton Abbot in 1934. Commissioned in 1940 according to the UK Navy Lists, Acting Commissioned Gunner, promoted to Lieutenant in 1947. Received the Distinguished Service Cross in 1945, as reported in the Exeter and Plymouth Gazette 6 July 1945. Leslie died in Newton Abbot in 1990.
Neno	Arthur Richard	1903-1981	1926-1945	WWII	Marine, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Navy, Service Number D26		Barton Lane, North Breazle, Station Road Cottages	Resident of Bratton Clovelly from 1916 to at least 1975, away for service 1926-1937 and then again for World War II.	Born circa 1903 in Jacobstowe, Devon. Son of John Neno (horseman) and Eva Reynolds. Parents are seen together in 1901 in Dowland, Devon. With widowed mother in 1911. Moved to Bratton Clovelly from Iddesleigh in 1916, when siblings were enrolled in Bratton Clovelly School, residing at Barton Lane. Arthur's mother re-married in 1918 to Alfred Parsons, a soldier from Bratton Clovelly. Their residence was Station Road Cottages in 1919. Arthur was in the Bratton Clovelly 1924-1925 Voters Lists residing at North Breazle, likely a farmworker. Absent naval or military voter in 1926-1937 Voters Lists. His residences during this time were 2 Station Road Cottages then 3 Station Road Cottages by 1929 with brother William and William's wife Florence Isabella Horrell. Arthur was a civilian in the 1938-1939

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									Voter Lists, still with his brother and his brother's family). He then re-joined active service and was reported home on leave in the Western Times of 21 Jan 1944. He was identified in his brother Leonard's obituary of 4 Aug 1944. Arthur received the Royal Fleet Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in 1941 when he was stationed at Plymouth. He continued to live with his brother at 3 Station Road until at least 1975, perhaps for the remainder of his life. He died in Plymouth in 1981.
Neno	Leonard	1912-1944		WWII	Lance Corporal, Devonshire Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Service No 561950	Died	Barton Lane, Station Road Cottages	Resident of Bratton Clovelly from 1916 to his death in 1944. Attended Bratton Clovelly School from 1916 to about 1922. Away for service 1935 to his death on D Day in 1944.	Son of Eva Neno, nee Reynolds. Moved to Bratton Clovelly from Iddesleigh in 1916. Had gone to school in Iddesleigh before enrolling in Bratton Clovelly School in 1916, residing at Barton Lane when he enrolled. Leonard's mother re-married in 1918 to Alfred Parsons, a soldier from Bratton Clovelly. Their residence was Station Road Cottages in 1919. John was an absent military voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists of 1935-1939. Leonard died 6 Jun 1944 on D Day in Normandy and is buried in Bayeux War Cemetery. His obituary is in the Western Times of 4 Aug 1944, with an extensive biography and photo. Leonard served in India before the War, then France, Malta, Egypt, Tunisia, Sicily and Italy. His service in Malta of over two years during almost continuous aerial attack earned him the headline of 'Malta Cross Hero'. He left effects of £220 to his mother, according to the National Probate Calendar.
Neno	Philip John	1908-2001	1930-1932; 1944	WWII	Royal Air Force		Barton Lane, Station Road Cottages	Resident of Bratton Clovelly from 1916 to at least 1975. Attended Bratton Clovelly School 1922 to 1935. Away for service 1930-1932 and then again for World War II.	Also known as 'John'. Born in Dowland, Devon in 1908. Son of John Neno (horseman) and Eva Reynolds. Parents are seen together in 1901 in Dowland, Devon. With widowed mother in 1911. Moved to Bratton Clovelly from Iddesleigh in 1916 before enrolling at Bratton Clovelly School until about 1922, residing at Barton Lane when he enrolled. John's mother re-married in 1918 to Alfred Parsons, a soldier from Bratton Clovelly. Their residence was Station Road Cottages in 1919. Absent

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									military voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists of 1930-1932, civilian voter from 1933-1935. Married Doris Palmer in the Okehampton District in 1935. Identified in his brother Leonard's obituary of 4 Aug 1944. At the time, he was serving in Ceylon following evacuation from Singapore. We don't know his service dates for World War II. He and Doris continued to live at 2 Railway Cottages until at least 1975, perhaps for much longer. John died in West Devon in 2001.
Neno	William John	1899-1991	1917-1919	WWI	Stoker 1st Class, Royal Navy, Service No K47950		Barton Lane, Station Road Cottages	Resident of Bratton Clovelly from 1916 to at least 1975. He married Florence Isabella Horrell at St Mary's and both he and Florence are buried there.	Born in Dowland, Devon in 1899. Son of John Neno (horseman) and Eva Reynolds. With parents in 1901 in Dowland, Devon. With widowed mother in 1911. Moved to Bratton Clovelly from Iddesleigh in 1916, when siblings were enrolled in Bratton Clovelly School, residing at Barton Lane. William's mother re-married in 1918 to Alfred Parsons, a soldier from Bratton Clovelly. Their residence was Station Road Cottages in 1919. William served aboard the Victory II, a training ship, during 1918 and 1919 at which time he was demobilised, according to his service records at The National Archives. He is in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists from 1919-1939, residing at Station Road Cottages. Married Florence Isabella Horrell at St Mary's in 1921. William and Florence remained at 3 Station Road until at least 1975. He died in 1991 while living in Yelverton, Devon and was buried at St Mary's in Bratton Clovelly. Florence died the following month and is buried with him.
Newcombe	Edwin	1888-1964	1918-1919	WWI	Private, 3rd Oxford & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, Service No 45984, Worcester Regiment,		Reed Farm	Farm labourer for the Smallacombes at Reed Farm in Bratton Clovelly in 1911. Married Elizabeth Bellworthy Chudley at St Mary's in 1913. At least one of his children was born in Bratton Clovelly.	Born in Okehampton, Devon in 1888. Son of Richard Newcombe (agricultural labourer) and Mary Anne Pellow. With parents in Belstone in 1891 and 1901. Edwin and his wife Elizabeth were living at Hatherleigh when he enlisted in 1915 but wasn't mobilised until 1918, according to his service records at ancestry.co.uk. He served in France in 1918 and 1919. Demobilised in 1920. He gave his future address as Hatherleigh at the

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					Service No 59563				end of his service. Received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Edwin died in Exeter in 1964.
Palfrey	Herbert Donald	1886-1960	1916-1917	WWI	Private, Hertford Regiment, 1st Battalion, Service No 9316 and 269353, Essex Regiment, 5th Battalion, Service No 253084	Other Medical	Rectory, Culmpit	With uncle Thomas Sole Rundle and his wife Alice Mary Master (from Gibraltar) in Bratton Clovelly in 1911. Thomas was the Rector of St Mary's at this time. Lived with his aunt and uncle at the Rectory until 1919, except for his service in 1916 and 1917. He married Bessie Box at St Mary's in 1919 and lived with her at Culmpit until 1924. Bessie was buried at St Mary's in 1945.	Born at Portsea Island, Hampshire in 1886. Son of Douglas Palfrey and Francis Sophia Master of Gibraltar. With mother in Hampshire in 1891. Gardener when he enlisted in 1915 and was mobilised in 1916. Medical discharge with a heart problem in 1917. The condition had arisen when he was a child, having suffered from brain fever and scarlet fever in Swansea. His service records state that 'he appears to be honest, sober and industrious'. He and his wife Bessie were living at Follygate, Devon when Bessie died in 1945 and was buried in Bratton Clovelly. Herbert died in Liskeard, Cornwall in 1960.
Palmer	Francis	1889-1973	1918	WWI	Private, British Army		Post Office	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1889 and lived at the Post Office, except while away on service, until he and his wife Edith Annie Tingley moved to Gable Cote in 1961. He was buried at St Mary's in 1973.	Son of Nicolas Palmer (tailor and postmaster) and Agnes Pearse. With parents at Post Office in 1891. With widowed mother in 1901. He appears as an absent military voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists of 1918 and then appears as residing at the Post Office. Married Edith Annie Tingley in Tavistock in 1938. They remained at the Post Office until 1961 and then moved to Gable Cote in Bratton Clovelly.
Palmer	John Pearse	1876-1931	1917-1918	WWI	Private, British Army		Post Office, Village	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1876 and grew up at the Post Office. Lived in the Village until the 1920s, except while away on service. John was buried at St Mary's in 1931.	Son of Nicolas Palmer (tailor and postmaster) and Agnes Pearse. With parents at Post Office in 1891 working as a rural postman. With widowed mother in 1901. With brother Nicolas and grandmother Jane Nile Pearce in 1911. Home on leave in the Western Times of 21 Sep 1917 and appears on the Post Office Plaque at the Museum of Dartmoor Life at Okehampton as having served. Absent military voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters List of 1918. John died in 1931 while living at Beaworthy.
Palmer	Nicolas	1887-1917	1916-1917	WWI	Private, Somerset Light	Died	Post Office	On the Bratton Clovelly WWI Memorial. Born in Bratton	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1887. Son of Nicolas Palmer (tailor and postmaster) and Agnes Pearse. With parents

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					Infantry, Service No 22210, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, 6th Battalion, Service No 27752			Clovelly in 1887 and grew up in Bratton Clovelly.	in 1891. Garden boy in Iddesleigh in 1901 for Georgina Arnold, where his sister Agnes was a housemaid. With brother John and grandmother Jane Nile Pearce in Bratton Clovelly in 1911, working as a postman. Home on leave according to the Western Times of 11 Aug 1916. Nicolas was killed in action on 23 August 1917 and is buried at Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, Belgium. He received the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. He is commemorated on the Post Office Plaque at the Museum of Dartmoor Life. Four of Nicholas' brothers also served. His sister Agnes named her son Nicholas Palmer Simmons in 1916.
Palmer	Thomas Coneybeare	1879-?	1918	WWI	Private, British Army		Post Office, Clovelly Hotel	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1879 and grew up at the Post Office, first working as a postman and from 1906 as innkeeper for the Clovelly Hotel. He married Clara Parker at St Mary's in 1901 and they remained at the Clovelly Hotel until 1934.	Son of Nicolas Palmer (tailor and postmaster) and Agnes Pearse. With parents at Post Office in 1891. With widowed mother in 1901 working as an auxiliary postman. Married Clara Parker at St Mary's in 1901 while working as a letter carrier. With wife, children and sister Edith in 1911, innkeeper for the Clovelly Hotel which he had acquired in 1906. Absent naval or military voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters List of 1918. When called to service, he had to put the Hotel up for auction but was able to retain it upon his return.
Palmer	William Coneybeare	1877-1922	1918	WWI	Private, British Army		Post Office	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1877 and grew up at the Post Office. A Western Times article of 23 Apr 1918 identifies that he and his brothers were all serving at the time.	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1877. Son of Nicolas Palmer (tailor and postmaster) and Agnes Pearse. With parents at Post Office in 1891. With widowed mother in 1901. Coachman in Holsworthy in 1911. William died in Bratton Clovelly in 1922.
Parsons	Alfred James	1876-1931	1916-1918	WWI	Lance Corporal, British Army		Lower Voaden, 2 Station Road Cottages	Baptised, married and buried at St Mary's in Bratton Clovelly. Alfred and his wife Eva Neno (nee Reynolds) lived at 2 Station Road Cottages throughout their married life.	Born in St Blazey, Cornwall in 1876 and baptised at St Mary's in Bratton Clovelly. Son of John (agricultural labourer) and Mary Parsons. With parents in Bratton Village in 1881 ('Parson'). Farm servant in Beaworthy in 1901. Waggoner for Thomas Brown at Lower Voaden in 1911. Came home on leave in 1916 and 1917, according to articles in the Western Times. Married Eva Neno (nee Reynolds) at St Mary's in 1918. Absent military voter in

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									the Bratton Clovelly Voters List of 1918, address 2 Station Road Cottages also referred to as the Council Houses. Alfred died in 1931 and was buried at St Mary's.
Parsons	Ernest Alfred	1921-1966	1944	WWII	Leading Aircraftman, Royal Air Force		2 Station Road Cottages, Court Barton Cottage	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1921. Attended Bratton Clovelly School from 1926 to 1935. Married Ethel Mary Mortimore at St Mary's in 1943. Except for his service time, Ernest remained in Bratton Clovelly until 1950.	Son of Alfred James Parsons and Eva Reynolds (former married name Neno). Ernest was identified as a leading aircraftman, while Ethel was a munitions worker. Ernest was serving in Normandy when his half-brother Leonard Neno was killed in action on D Day, 6 June 1944. After the War, Ernest and Ethel lived at Court Barton Cottage until 1950. Ernest died in Launceston in 1966.
Parsons	Ernest John	1882-1956	1901-1922	WWI	Stoker Petty Officer, Royal Navy, Service No 297872		Village	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1882, the son of John Parsons (agricultural labourer) and Emma Worth.	With parents in Sydenham Damerel in 1891 and 1901, working as a farm labourer in 1901. Married Lydia Gertie Spurrell in Plymouth in 1907. With wife and daughter in 1911, 1st class Stoker in Plymouth. Ernest's service records at The National Archives identify the many ships he was on from 1901 to 1922. He qualified for Petty Officer in 1914 and received the 1914-15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Ernest died in Plymouth in 1956.
Parsons	Walter John	1918-	1942-1945	WWII	Private, British Army		Station Road Cottages	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1918. Attended Bratton Clovelly School from 1921 while living at Station Road Cottages. Home on leave in 1944.	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1918. Son of Alfred James Parsons and Eva Reynolds (former married name Neno). Attended Bratton Clovelly School from 1921 while living at Station Road Cottages. May have married Stella Johns in Bideford in 1942. The Western Times of 21 Jan 1944 reported that Walter had been home on leave after serving 1-1/2 years abroad in Egypt, Sicily and Italy. He was serving in Normandy when his half-brother Leonard Neno was killed in action on D Day, 6 June 1944. In Leonard's obituary, it was noted that Walter had previously been evacuated from Dunkirk and had served in the Tripoli and Tunisian campaigns.
Parsons	William	1885-1959	1902-1924	WWI	Chief Stoker, Royal Navy, Service No			Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1884.	Son of John (agricultural labourer) and Emma Parsons. With parents in Sydenham Damerel in 1891. Waggoner in Lamerton in 1901. Leading Stoker aboard



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					301641				HMS Carnarvon in Torbay, Devon in 1911. Probably married Emily Brimacombe in Tavistock in 1913. Received the British War Medal while aboard HMS Concord. Chief Stoker when he left the service. William probably died in Tavistock in 1959.
Parsons	William Morris	1885-1943	1904-1926	WWI	Chief Stoker, DSM, Royal Navy, Service No 305828		Village, South Barton Cottage	Born and raised in Bratton Clovelly. Listed as an absent naval voter from 1918-1926, with his wife resident there from 1923-1926.	Son of John Parsons (agricultural labourer) and Mary Roland. With widowed father in Bratton Village in 1891. Agricultural labourer in Lawhitton in 1901. Identified as a farm labourer when he enlisted in 1904. Acting Leading Stoker aboard HMS Indus in Devonport in 1911. Qualified for Petty Officer in 1911. His service records at The National Archives list the many ships he served on until 1926. Received the Distinguished Service Medal for service with the Eastern Mediterranean Squadron at Gallipoli in 1916, with his photo shown in the Western Times 16 June 1916. He was also 'fortunate when out there to capture four snipers, who were dressed in green, and who afterwards proved to be women.' Came back to Bratton Clovelly on leave in 1915 and 1918 as reported in the papers. Received the 1914-15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. Chief Stoker when he left the service. He appears with his father (who died in 1920) in Bratton Village as an absent naval voter from 1918-1926, listed at South Barton Cottages from 1923 with his wife Ellen Elizabeth Searle from Watford, Hertfordshire. William died in Watford in 1943.
Pike	Albert James	1895-1949	1913-1929	WWI	Stoker Chief Petty Officer, Royal Navy, Service No K19467 & M37509		Barton Cottage, Rose Cottage	Moved to Bratton Clovelly in 1906 when his mother remarried to James Karslake James at Barton Cottage. Married Gertrude Mary Parsons at St Mary's in 1919, identified as a Stoker Petty Officer. Appeared in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists until 1926 as an absent naval	Born in Hatherleigh in 1895. Son of Frederick W Pike (agricultural labourer) and Lucy Ellacott. With parents in 1901. With mother and stepfather James Karslake James at Barton Cottage, Bratton Clovelly in 1911, working as a farm labourer. Reported as coming home on leave several times in the local newspapers. He has two sets of service records at The National Archives, the second for his service from 1923 to 1929. Received the 1914-15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal for his WWI service while aboard HMS Thunderer. Received the Long

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								voter and then as a resident from 1935 to his burial in 1949 at St Mary's.	Service & Good Conduct Medal while aboard HMS Berwick in 1928. Bratton Clovelly resident again with his wife from 1935 on, residing at Rose Cottage. Albert was buried at St Mary's in 1949. His wife died two years later.
Pike	Cecil John	1898-1917	1915-1917	WWI	Private, North Devon Yeomanry, Service No 2168, Devonshire Regiment, 16th Battalion, Service No 345695	Died	Barton Cottage	On the Bratton Clovelly WWI Memorial. Stepson of John Karslake James of Barton Cottage, Bratton Clovelly. Attended Bratton Clovelly School from 1906-1911 when he received an exemption certificate. Cowman boy for Thomas Brown in Bratton Clovelly in 1911.	Born in Hatherleigh in 1898. Son of Frederick W Pike (agricultural labourer) and Lucy Ellacott. With parents in 1901. Mother remarried to James Karslake James in 1906. Cecil was killed in action on 3 Dec 1917 and is buried at the Jerusalem War Cemetery in Israel and Palestine. He was awarded the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal.
Pike	Walter James	1901-?	1917-1931	WWI	Able Seaman, Royal Navy, Service No J66123		Barton Cottage, Village	Moved to Bratton Clovelly in 1906 when his mother remarried to James Karslake James at Barton Cottage. Attended Bratton Clovelly School 1906-1913 at which time he left for a Boys' Home. Absent naval voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists 1922-1931, then as resident in the Village 1932-1933.	Born in Hatherleigh in 1901. Son of Frederick W Pike (agricultural labourer) and Lucy Ellacott. With mother and stepfather in Bratton Clovelly in 1911. Received the Victory Medal and British War Medal as a boy sailor aboard HMS Laburnum. Home on leave in 1920 according to the local papers. Promoted to Able Seaman in 1921.
Pike	William George	1892-1972	1915-1919	WWI	Private, Devonshire Regiment, Service No 17533, 411 Agricultural Company, Service No 435906		Barton Cottage, Village	Moved to Bratton Clovelly in 1906 when his mother remarried to James Karslake James at Barton Cottage. Absent naval voter in the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists 1918-1919, with residence listed as Bratton Village.	Born in Iddesleigh in 1892. Son of Frederick W Pike (agricultural labourer) and Lucy Ellacott. With parents in Hatherleigh in 1901. 'George' in 1911, working as a waggoner for Samuel Heggadon in Iddesleigh. Served in France and received the 1915 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. William probably died in Torbay in 1972.

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Rice	Sydney James	1910-1940	1940	WWII	Sergeant, 165 Battery, 55 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, Service No 1461217	Died	South Ville, Walker Villa	Lived with his parents James and Emma Jane Rice at South Ville 1923-1926. His family returned to Bratton Clovelly, living at Walker Villa from 1937 to the early 1940s.	Born in Sandford, Devon in 1911. Son of James Rice (road contractor) and Emma Jane Townsend. Date of enlistment is unknown, only that Sydney was serving in 1940. He married Phyllis Margaret Baker in the Okehampton District in 1937. Sydney was killed in action on 24 May 1940 shortly after the German invasion of Norway in April. He was buried at Ballangen New Cemetery, Norway and his burial is recorded on 26 May 1940 in the St Mary's, Bratton Clovelly burial register. On 24 May 1941, his mother and brother Bill published a memorial to him in the local paper.
Rowe	Percy		1918	WWI			Costeloss	Listed as an absent naval or military voter in the 1918 Bratton Clovelly Voters List, residing at Costeloss.	We assume that Percy was a farm worker at Costeloss but don't know anything of his family or his service.
Rundle	Henry Charles Ellis	1891-1918	1916-1918	WWI	Private, Australian Infantry Australian Imperial Forces, 32nd Battalion, Service No 4631	Died		Son of Henry Rundle who was born at Higher Voaden Farm, Bratton Clovelly in 1860. Grandson of James Rundle and Jane Ellis, both of Bratton Clovelly, who married in 1855 and emigrated with their first five children to South Australia in 1863.	Known as 'Ellis'. Born in Kulpara, South Australia in 1891. Son of Henry and Eliza Ann (nee Kemp). Father married Eliza Ann in 1890, then Agnes Sarah Smith in 1893. His service records are at Mapping Our Anzacs, identifying that he was a farmer when he enlisted and his next-of-kin was his father living at Wild Horse Plains, South Australia. He enlisted in 1916 and shipped to England then France in 1917. Ellis was killed in action by a 'minenwerfer' (short range mortar) while serving with the British Expeditionary Force on 19 Feb 1918 and is buried at Messines Ridge British Cemetery, Mesen, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal and is commemorated on the Australian War Memorial at Campbell, Australia. There is a wonderful story of James and Jane Rundle and their descendants in a book called <i>Farmers: Devon to South Australia</i> by John Rundle (who we are in touch with) and other family members. The book includes many photos of the family and their farms.
Rundle	Leonard	1893-1918	1916-1918	WWI	Sergeant,	Died		Son of James Rundle who was	Known as 'Len'. born in Kupara, South Australia in 1893.

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	Lancelot				Australian Infantry Australian Imperial Forces, 48th Battalion, Service No 2477B			born at Higher Voaden Farm, Bratton Clovelly in 1857. Grandson of James Rundle and Jane Ellis, both of Bratton Clovelly, who married in 1855 and emigrated with their first five children to South Australia in 1863.	Son of James and Fanny Florence (nee Daniel) who married in 1890. His service records are at Mapping Our Anzacs, identifying that he was a farmer when he enlisted and his next-of-kin was his mother living at Pine Grove, Kulpara, South Australia. He enlisted and shipped out to England in 1916 and then to France in 1917. He was promoted to Corporal then Sergeant in 1917. Len received gunshot wounds to the head on 5 May 1918 and died of his wounds in Birmingham on 23 Aug 1918. He is buried at Birmingham (Lodge Hill) Cemetery, Warwickshire, England and is commemorated on the Australian War Memorial at Campbell, Australia. Like his cousin Ellis, Len is in the Rundle family book, <i>Farmers: Devon to South Australia</i> , including his photo.
Sanders	Ernest Frederick	1905-1968	1928-1932				Langworthy Cottage	Absent naval or military voter in the 1928-1932 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists. Returned from service, living at Langworthy Cottage in 1933-1934. Ernest's brother Maurice Charles Sanders was also resident in Bratton Clovelly at this time.	Born in Black Torrington in 1905. Son of Charles Sanders (carpenter) and Ellen Maria Cook. With parents in 1911. Married Ernestine E L Voysey in Newton Abbot in 1944. Ernest died in Totnes in 1968.
Skidmore	Francis Albert	1896-1976	1918	WWI	possibly Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, Service No 806302		Village, Tor View, The Retreat, Barmor	Absent naval or military voter in the 1918 Bratton Clovelly Voters List, residence Village. Remained in Bratton Clovelly after the War, appearing as a voter in Bratton Clovelly from 1919, Tor View from at least the 1940s, The Retreat from 1949 and Barmor from 1954. Identified as a carpenter in the 1939 Kelly's Directory. Married Barbara R McLean at St Mary's, Bratton Clovelly in 1945 and	Frank was born in Chapel en le Frith, Derbyshire in 1896. Son of James (shoemaker) and Jane Skimore. In Standon Industrial School in Staffordshire in 1911. His service number was possibly 806302 who received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Frank died in hospital at Launceston in 1976.

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								was buried at St Mary's in 1976.	
Sleeman	William Thomas	1872-1955	1890-1896, 1905-1919	WWI	Stoker 1st Class, Royal Navy, Service No 155443	Other Medical	Rexon Cross	With mother Maria Sleeman and stepfather Henry Hockings in Rexon Cross in 1891, listed as a Royal Navy Stoker.	Born in Holsworthy in 1872. Son of Maria Sleeman. Enlisted in 1890 and purchased his discharge in 1896. Police constable in Lambeth, London in 1901. Then he re-enlisted in 1905, was discharged as medically unfit in 1910 and was a man servant in Tormoham, Devon. He rejoined the service again and served until 1919 when he was medically discharged with gastritis. Throughout the War he was aboard HMS Talbot. He received the 1914-15 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. William probably married Elizabeth Hall White in Tavistock in 1907 and he probably died in Truro in 1955.
Smith	Herbert Ernest	1880-1916	1916		Battery Quartermaster Sergeant, 7th Reserve Battery, 170th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, Service No 16400	Died	Bible Christian Chapel	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1880.	With parents in Tavistock in 1881. Son of William Hicks, a Bible Christian minister, and Sarah Harriet Smith. With mother in Redruth, Cornwall in 1891 living at the Bible Christian's Ministers House. With parents in Gwennap in 1901 working as a butcher's shopman. With parents in St Breage in 1911 as 'Herbert Edward Smith' working as a butcher. CWGC identifies his wife as Henrietta G Smith of Sidbury, Sidmouth, Devon. Herbert died on 20 January 1916 and was buried in Exeter Higher Cemetery 24 January 1916. He is commemorated on the Shrewsbury Cathedral War Memorial.
Stacey	Arthur Richard	1895-1921	1917-1918	WWI	Stoker 2nd Class, Royal Navy, Service No K39272	Other Medical	Clovelly Inn, Chimsworthy, Breazle, Village	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1895 and baptised at St Mary's. With parents at Clovelly Inn in 1901. Shortly after this time, his father became a farmer at Chimsworthy. Attended Bratton Clovelly School from 1898 to 1909. Absent naval voter in the 1918 Bratton Clovelly Voters List, residence Breazle. Arthur died in 1921 while living in the Village and is	Son of Shadrack Stacey (innkeeper) and Thirza Knight. Working as a butcher in Okehampton in 1911. Married Agnes Dawe in the Okehampton District in 1916. Received the Victory Medal and British War Medal for service aboard HMS Duke of Edinburgh. Invalided with tuberculosis.

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Wimpey	Samuel George	1884-1950	1917-1919	WWI	Private, Devonshire Regiment, Service No 4020, 2nd Lieutenant, Indian Army Reserve of Officers, Service No 201897		Village	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1884 and baptised at St Mary's. With parents in Bratton Village in 1891. Teacher in the Board School in Okehampton in 1901. Appeared as an absent military voter in the 1918-1919 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists. Back home with his mother in the 1920-1928 Voters Lists until she passed away.	Son of John James Wimpey (gardener) and Anne Maria Slade. Student at St Luke's College, Exeter in 1911. Became Assistant Master at the Episcopal School, Exeter. Recommended for commission according to the Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 21 June 1918. Served in Mesopotamia and India. Received the Victory Medal and British War Medal, issued by the India Office. Samuel died in Exeter in 1950 leaving effects of over £2000 to John Wimpey according to the National Probate Calendar.
Wivell	Ernest	1894-1977	1916-1919	WWI	Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, Service No 122380	Other Medical	Great Burrow	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1894. With parents in 1901, living at Great Burrow. Absent military voter in the 1918-1919 Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists, back in 1920.	Son of William Wivell (farmer) and Betsy Ann Rich. Farm worker in South Petherwin in 1911. Received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Discharged in 1919 on medical grounds while serving in Kirkee, India. Married Ethel M Hannaford in Newton Abbot in 1944. Ernest died in Newton Abbot in 1977.
Woodman	Ernest	1896-1924	1913-1919	WWI	Ordinary Seaman 3rd Class, Royal Navy, Service No L5050	Other Medical	Blackabroom, Chestermoor, Little Burrow	Born at Blackabroom, Bratton Clovelly in 1896 and baptised at St Mary's. With parents Thomas Woodman (agricultural labourer) and Grace Durrant in 1901, living at Chestermoor. Attended Bratton Clovelly Board School 1901-1910, residence Little Burrow. Cattle man for the Smallacombes at Reed Farm in 1911. In the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists with his parents from 1918 until his death in 1924.	Served aboard HMS Impregnable 1913-1918. Received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. Was invalided in 1918 for neurasthenia and re-admitted as a dental technician.
Woodman	William James Henry	1893-1961	1919				Village, Chestermoor,	Born in Bratton Village in 1893 and baptised at St Mary's. With parents Thomas Woodman	Absent military voter in the 1918-1919 Voters Lists, residence Little Burrow.

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							Little Burrow	(agricultural labourer) and Grace Durrant in 1901, living at Chester Moor. Cattle boy for the Heggadons at Ellacott Farm in 1911. With parents at Little Burrow until the 1930s and then remained there as a farmer until he died in 1961.	
Woodrow	Alfred	1885-1961	1917-1919	WWI	Private, 1/4 Devonshire Regiment, Service No 51434		Lower Broxcombe	With parents at Broxcombe in Bratton Clovelly in 1911, working on the farm. He and was then listed as an absent military voter in the 1918-1919 Voters Lists ('Wordrow'). He returned from service in 1919 to live with his parents at Lower Broxcombe until they passed away and subsequently to World War II.	Born in Germansweek in 1885. Son of Thomas (farmer) and Mary Woodrow. With parents in Germansweek in 1891 and 1901. Was given exemption until January 1917 according to the local papers. He then served to 1919 and received the British War Medal. Alfred died in Central Devon in 1961.



**William Morris Parsons (1885-1943)**

William received the Distinguished Service Medal for service with the Eastern Mediterranean Squadron at Gallipoli in 1916. He was also 'fortunate when out there to capture four snipers, who were dressed in green, and who afterwards proved to be women.'

This William, the son of John and Emma Parsons, is not to be confused with William Parsons (1884-1959), the son of a different John Parsons and Mary Roland born just a few months before William Morris. Both Williams were born in Bratton Clovelly, working as farm servants in Devon in 1901, aboard ships as Leading Stokers off the coast of Devon in 1911, served 22 years in the Royal Navy and reached the rank of Chief Stoker.





**Ralph Edward Cheeseman (1895-1961)**

These photos are from the Australian War Memorial Database and are shown on a wonderful family website at <http://graemecheeseman.com/ralphcheeseman.htm> along with many other photos including the wedding of Ralph to Elizabeth ('Bessie') May Palmer in Tavistock in 1918. Bessie was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Martha Palmer, born in Bratton Clovelly in 1890.

Ralph enlisted in 1915 and was shipped to join the 57th Battalion in Egypt. He then went to France and survived the Battle of Fromelles but was later wounded. After recuperating in a hospital in Wandsworth, he returned only to be wounded again twice and was then sent to a hospital near Brighton. He and Bessie met and married and returned to Australia, where he was medically discharged for a gunshot wound to his right hand. However, he rejoined again in WWII as a retired caterer and served in the Australian Defence Canteen Service. He and Bessie had a son named Palmer.

## **Those Who Served: 1800 to 1914**

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Ashton	Ivor John	1895-1969	1912-1914		Private, Royal North Devon Hussars, Service No 73374	Other Medical	Bratton Mill	Resided at Bratton Mill when he returned from the service in 1914, remaining with his mother in Bratton Clovelly until 1921.	Born in Milton Damerel in 1895. Son of John Ashton (farmer) and Lucy Sandercock. With parents in Milton Damerel in 1901 and also in 1911 working on the farm. Discharged from service in 1914 for sickness, with residence listed as The Mill, Bratton Clovelly. Received the Silver Badge. Remained with mother at Bratton Mill until 1921, according to the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists. Married Stella M R B Rogers in Holsworthy in 1942. Ivor died in Liskeard, Cornwall in 1969.
Breyley	Walter	1893-1970	1913-1914		Private, Devonshire Regiment, 6th Battalion, Service No 1744	Other Medical	Risdon, Boasley	Born in Bratton Clovelly about 1893. With parents at Risdon Farm in 1901 ('Brealey').	Son of Richard Paige Breyley (farmer) and Emma Gay. In Sourton in 1911 as a farmworker for a Voaden family. Living at Boasley Farm when he enlisted, working for G Gratton. Medically discharged in 1914. Married Ivy Gladys H Chown in the Okehampton District in 1916. In 1929, when he was applying for work with the Post Office, he requested a copy of his medical papers but they could not be found. Died in Exeter in 1970.
Dufty	Thomas	1843-?	1860-1871		Devon Artillery Militia		Broadcroft	Identified as a soldier in the 1871 census, residing at Broadcroft with his parents.	Born in Jacobstowe, Devon in 1843. Son of John Dufty (farmer) and Elizabeth Ward. With parents in Beaworthy in 1851 and 1861. Served in the Devon Artillery Militia. Applied to become a Royal Marine in 1864 but was not accepted. Parents at Broadcroft from 1869-1874 according to the Voters Lists.
Durrant	William	1859-1909	1878-1898		Leading Stoker 1st Class, Royal Navy, Service No 103848			William's children Winifred and Frederick were baptised in Bratton Clovelly in 1901 and 1902.	Born in Shebbear in 1859. Son of William Durrant (farmer) and Charlotte Isaac. With parents in 1861 ('Durrant'), Isaac grandparents in 1871. Stoker aboard HMS Thetis in the Pacific in 1881. It appears that William adjusted his birth date to 1857 for his naval service. With wife Louisa Emma and daughter in Thrushelton in 1901. Identified as a Naval Pensioner in the 1901 census and the baptism records of his children at St Mary's Church.

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Ellis	Richard	c 1814-1866	1834-1841		Royal Marines			Born in Bratton Clovelly circa 1810-1814.	Possibly Richard Ellis born 1810, son of John and Elizabeth Ellis. Joined the Royal Marines in 1834 at age 21. Purchased discharge for £20 in 1841. With wife Eliza in Kelly, Devon in 1851, working as an agricultural labourer. Also in 1861, with grandson William Thomas Bickle. Richard died in the Okehampton District in 1866.
Flood	John	c 1825-?	1847-1855		Gunner, 11th Battalion, Royal Artillery, Service No 722, 4th Battalion, Royal Artillery			Born in Bratton Clovelly circa 1825.	Enlisted in 1847 at age 22. At Brompton Barracks, Gillingham, Kent in 1851. Transferred to the 4th Battalion in 1855.
Gill	John Maunder Henry Webb	1856-1935	1883-1916		Major, 3rd Battalion and 4th Battalion, Devonshire Regiment		Eversfield	As a relative and lifelong friend of Thomas Ellis Manning, Thomas left Eversfield Manor to John in his will. He did extensive repairs for Mrs Elizabeth Manning (nee Jones) beginning in 1909 and inherited the manor in 1913 upon her death. He is listed as the lord of the manor in the 1919 Kelly's Directory, the same year that the manor was sold.	Born circa 1856 in New South Wales, Australia. Son of John Maunder (cattle man) and Elizabeth Gill. With widowed mother in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire in 1881, working as a civil engineer. The London Gazette reports that he became a Lieutenant in 1883 and Captain in 1899. in Whitchurch, Devon in 1891, living by independent means. Recruitment Officer for Exeter during World War I and featured in the papers when he tried to get an exemption for his kennelman, William Thomas Downes. Lord of the manor, Eversfield, in Kelly's 1919 Directory. Married Flora Margaret Frances Sannia Dulton Vaghan Colt in South Kensington, London in 1921. As Flora was the daughter of Rev Sir Edward Harry Dutton Colt, 8th Baronet Colt of St James, Westminster, John is identified in the British Peerage. John died in Taunton in 1935.

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Gorle	John Tayler	1822-1888	1840-1860	Anglo-Sikh Wars	Captain, 10th Regiment of Foot (before 1846), 28th Regiment (1848), 40th Regiment (before 1861)		Metherel Tower	John died at Metherel Tower in 1888 as reported in the Christchurch Star. Identified as an Army Captain in his son Richard's marriage record in Bratton Clovelly in 1909.	Born in Kempsey, Worcestershire in 1822. Son of John and Ann Gorle. Became an Ensign in 1840 according to the Army Lists. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1841 and to Captain 1847, according to the London Gazette. Received the Sutlej Medal with Sobraon clasp in 1846. The Sutlej Medal was a campaign medal approved in 1846, for issue to officers and men of the British Army and Honourable East India Company who served in the Sutlej campaign of 1845-46 (also known as the First Anglo-Sikh War). This medal was the first to use clasps to denote soldiers who fought in the major battles of the campaign. Married Frances Moore in Worcestershire in 1848. With wife and children in Worcestershire in 1861, late Captain in the Army. John died in 1888 while residing at Metherel Tower.
Griffin	Charles	1840/41-1911	1856-1879	Second China War	Quartermaster, Royal Navy, Service No 19588		Bucket's House	Married Maria Voaden Smallacombe of Bratton Clovelly. Identified as a naval pensioner living at Bucket's House, Bratton Clovelly in the 1901 and 1911 censuses.	Born in Devonport in 1840/41 (BMD says 1840, service records says 1841). Son of John and Susan Griffin. With parents in Devonport in 1841. Errand boy for uncle Edward Egg in 1851. Joined as a boy sailor aboard the Impregnable in 1855. Awarded the China Medal (Second China War) for service aboard the Volcano as a Boy 1st Class 1857-1859. Ordinary Seaman in 1859, Leading Seaman in 1865 and Quartermaster in 1870 according to his service record at The National Archives. Quartermaster aboard HMS Fly in Nova Scotia in 1871. Married Maria Smallacombe in St Germans, Cornwall in 1873. Pensioner in 1881 with wife and children in Dartmouth. In Thrushelton in 1891. Farmer in Bratton Clovelly in 1901 ('Griffen'), with wife and grandson. Charles died in 1911.

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James	Richard	1864-	1880-1891	Anglo-Egyptian War	Able Seaman, Royal Navy, Service No 113098	Other Medical	Northcombe	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1864. With parents Richard and Grace James at Northcombe Farm in 1871, where his parents lived from 1850-1875.	Son of Richard James (farmer) and Grace Piper. Boy sailor aboard HMS Royal Adelaide in 1881. Richard's service records from The National Archives identify the many ships that he served on. Received the Egyptian Medal while serving aboard HMS Iris in the Anglo-Egyptian War of 1882. Richard was invalided in Plymouth in 1890. We don't know his whereabouts once he left the Royal Navy.
James	Thomas	1869-1899	1889-1894		Driver, Army Service Corps, Service No G/8777		Northcombe	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1869. With parents Richard and Grace James at Northcombe Farm in 1871. Baptised at St Mary's in 1875.	Son of Richard James (farmer) and Grace Piper. Enlisted in 1889, transferred to the Reserves in 1894. Died at Castle Inn, Beaworthy in 1899.
Lock	George	1834-	1861		Soldier		Village	Identified as a discharged soldier in the Bratton Clovelly 1871 Census.	Son of John (labourer) and Sarah Lock. With parents in the Village in 1841. George's parents were in the Bratton Clovelly Poor House in 1851, while George was working in Germansweek as an agricultural labourer. Whereabouts unknown in 1861, presumably he was in the service. With wife Eliza Maria <maiden name unknown> and children in the Village in 1871, agricultural labourer. With wife and children in Sampford Courtenay in 1881 and Exbourne in 1891.
Lockhart	William	1859-1939	1878-1903		Shipwright, Royal Navy, Service No 107215		Eastlake	Identified as a Royal Navy shipwright when he married Charlotte Hortop of Eastlake, Bratton Clovelly in 1888.	Born in Birmingham in 1859. Son of Archibald William Lockhart (tailor) and Sarah Vale. With parents in Birmingham in 1861, also in 1871 working as a brass founder. Carpenter's Crew aboard HMS Cambridge, a gunnery ship, in Devonport in 1881. Promoted to Shipwright in 1886 according to his service records at The National Archives. Married Charlotte Hortop at St Mary's in 1888. With wife in Devonport in 1901, working as a grocer shopkeeper. William died in Launceston, Cornwall in 1939.

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Luxton	John	1833-1922			Stoker, Royal Navy		Broxcombe	Born at Broxcombe in Bratton Clovelly. Married Grace Luxton at St Mary's in 1860.	Son of Roger Kerslake Luxton and Susanna Northcott. His wife Grace Luxton was the daughter of James. With wife and son in Stoke Damerel in 1861, labourer in HM Dock Yard. With wife and children in 1871, working as a stoker. Fireman stoker at a stationery engine factory in Stoke Damerel in 1891. With wife and children in Devonport in 1911, old age pensioner, retired Royal Navy stoker. John died in Devonport in 1922.
Martyn	James	c 1815-1889	1837-1837		5th Battalion, Royal Artillery		Village	Born in Bratton Clovelly and lived in the Village for his lifetime. Both James and his wife Susanna Harris were buried at St Mary's.	Probably baptised in 1815, the son of William (farmer) and Mary James. Enlisted in 1837 and purchased his discharge in 1837. It's possible that he didn't serve any time. Married Susanna Harris in Torrington, Devon in 1840. With wife and children in Bratton Village in 1851-1861, working as an agricultural labourer. James remained with his wife in the Village until Susanna died in 1884 and then James died in Okehampton Union Workhouse in 1889.
Murrin	John Henry	1887-1971	1904-1912		Stoker 1st Class, Royal Navy, Service No 231935			Married Charlotte Glover at St Mary's in 1908. They lived in Thrushelton, but several of their children were baptised at St Mary's and attended Bratton Clovelly School until they moved to Bridestowe in 1919.	Also known as 'Henry'. Born in Lifton in 1887. Son of Henry and Mary Jane Murrin. Identified as a sailor aboard HMS Vivid when he married Charlotte Glover in Bratton Clovelly in 1908. His service records show that he joined the Royal Navy in 1904 as a boy sailor, progressing to Stoker 1st class in 1907. Services no longer required in 1912 at which time he was discharged. He and Charlotte lived at Wrixhill Bridge, Thrushelton according to his children's baptism and burial records in the St Mary's, Bratton Clovelly register. The baptism record of one of his children in 1915 identifies that he was serving in the Army Service Corps at that time but the historic records are not clear regarding WWI service. He died in Tavistock in 1971.
Perkins	Thomas	c 1844-?	1866-1885		Private, 65th Foot, York & Lancaster Regiment, Service No 1340	Other Medical		Thomas' service papers state that he was born in Bratton Clovelly, with his next of kin identified as his mother Mary.	Son of Mary Perkins who was identified as his next of kin in his enlistment papers. Served in the East Indies from 1871 to 1883. Invalided with general debility.

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Roberts	William	c 1843	1862-1864		Private, F Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, Service No 5832		Village	Born in Bratton Clovelly and baptised at St Mary's. With parents Thomas and Ann Roberts in Bratton Village in 1851 and 1861.	Son of Thomas Roberts (blacksmith) and Ann Johns. Enlisted in 1862 at age 19. Discharged for desertion in 1864. With wife Elizabeth A and children in Thrushelton in 1871 and 1881, working as a farm labourer. With wife and children in Plymouth 1891-1911, working as a labourer.
Sanders	James	c 1817	1837					Born in Bratton Clovelly.	The only information we have on James is his record of desertion in 1837 which identifies his regiment, birth place, estimated date of birth and that he was a miner.
Shears	John	c 1773	1807-1815		14th Foot Soldiers, 3rd Battalion			Born in Bratton Clovelly in about 1773.	The only information we have on John is his service record in the Canada British Regimental Registers of Service at <a href="http://ancestry.co.uk">ancestry.co.uk</a> (Canada collection). It states that he was born in Bratton Clovelly, along with his estimated age, physical characteristics, service regiment, attestation date in Devon and discharge date at Chelsea.
Smale	Alfred Ernest	1875-1938	1894-1906	Boer War	Private, 2nd Devon Regiment, Service No 4048		Little Wrixhill, Little Grindhill, East Grindhill	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1875 and lived there all his life except for his time in the service. With parents in 1881 and 1891 at the Boot & Shoe Shop at Little Wrixhill. After his service, he married Lily Spry in Bratton Clovelly in 1907. With wife and children in 1911, listed as a farmer and driver of the County Council van. Alfred and his wife lived at Little Grindhill until 1920 according to the Bratton Clovelly Voters Lists, from which time their residence was listed as East Grindhill, where his wife Lily had been born. Alfred died in Bratton Clovelly in 1938.	Military records state that Alfred's birth year was about 1872 so he may have been younger than they thought. Son of James (boot and shoemaker) and Mary Smale. Service records are under 'Alfred Ernest Male' on <a href="http://findmypast.co.uk">findmypast.co.uk</a> . Farm labourer when he enlisted in 1894. Served in South Africa from 1899-1902. Received the King's South African Medal, always awarded with the Queen's South African Medal. Received Battle Clasps for Tugela Heights, Relief of Ladysmith and Laing's Nek, as well as State Clasps for Orange Free State and Transvaal. Transferred to Army Reserves in 1902 and discharged in 1906. Identified as a farmer in the Kelly's Directories for Bratton Clovelly from 1910-1935. He may have been non-conformist as his marriage and burial do not appear in the St Mary's registers.



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Smale	William Henry	1872-?	1891-1907	Boer War	Driver, Army Service Corps, Service No 10218		Little Wrixhill	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1872. With parents in 1881 at the Boot & Shoe Shop at Little Wrixhill.	Son of James (boot and shoemaker) and Mary Smale. Served in South Africa. Received South African Medal with 3 clasps. With widowed mother in Tormoham, Devon in 1911, working as a nurseryman.
Soby	William	1879-1949	1898-1910	Boer War	Sapper, Royal Engineers, Service No 1498		Higher Voaden	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1879 and baptised at St Mary's in 1880. With parents at Higher Voaden Farm in 1881.	Son of William (farmer) and Elizabeth Soby. With parents in Hittisleigh, Devon in 1891. Occupation listed as turner when he enlisted. Served in South Africa 1899-1902. Awarded the King's South Africa Medal, always awarded with the Queen's South Africa Medal. Received the Battle Clasp for Relief of Ladysmith and State Clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Transvaal. Steam wagon driver for the miller in Okehampton in 1911. William died in the Okehampton District in 1949.
Wood	Thomas	1830-?	1854-1858		Able Seaman, Royal Navy, Service No 13511	Other Medical		Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1830 and baptised at St Mary's, although service records give a birth date of 1833.	Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1830 and baptised at St Mary's, although service records give a birth date of 1833. Son of James (agricultural labourer) and Sarah Wood. Farm labourer in Broadwoodwider in 1851. Served on several ships from 1854-1858 before being invalided, according to his service records at The National Archives.
Wood	William	1840-?	1857-1878		Senior Gunner, Royal Navy, Service No 35222			Born in Bratton Clovelly in 1830 and baptised at St Mary's, although service records give a birth date of 1842.	Son of James (agricultural labourer) and Sarah Wood. Joined the Royal Navy as a Boy 2nd Class in 1857 and served on numerous ships until he left the service in 1878, according to his service records at The National Archives.
Worth	William	c 1818-?	1839-1850	Anglo-Sikh Wars	Private, 29th Regiment of Foot, Service No 1298	Other Medical	Culmpit	With brother Abraham and his family at Culmpit, Bratton Clovelly in 1851, listed as a soldier on half pay.	Born in Hatherleigh, Devon circa 1818. Son of William (agricultural labourer) and Elizabeth Worth. Labourer when he enlisted in 1839. Served in the East Indies for seven years in numerous battles of the Anglo-Sikh War, including Sutlej, Ferozeshah, Sobraon, Punjaub, Chenab, Chillianwallah and Goojerat. Received medals for the Sutlej and Punjaub Campaigns. Received Good Conduct Ring. Discharged in 1850 as medically unfit.

## 1699 Militia List: Bratton Clovelly

When the Friends of Devon's Archives were cataloguing the 1723 Militia Assessment, we are fortunate that they located a 1699 Militia List for the Lifton Hundred. The list names nine officers and 154 soldiers, identified as 'A list of the trained souldiers under the com[m]and of Lieutennt Col[onel] Josias Calmady in S[i]r Francis Drakes regiment'. The officers were from across the Hundred, however the commanding officer Josias Calmady was from Eastlake Farm in Bratton Clovelly. Bratton Clovelly was required to provide 9 soldiers in total for the militia including Josias.

Further information is available at the Friends of Devon's Archives at [http://www.foda.org.uk/militia/1715/lifton/lifton\\_parishes\\_1699.htm](http://www.foda.org.uk/militia/1715/lifton/lifton_parishes_1699.htm).

Day	Month	Year	Parish	Given Name	Surname	Rank
30	10	1699	Lifton Hundred	Josias	Calmady	Esqr Lieutennt Col[onel]
30	10	1699	Bratton Clovelly	John	Glanvill	
30	10	1699	Bratton Clovelly	Henry	Glanvill	
30	10	1699	Bratton Clovelly	John	Lavers	
30	10	1699	Bratton Clovelly	George	Feater	
30	10	1699	Bratton Clovelly	John	Pote	
30	10	1699	Bratton Clovelly	Robert	Raddon	
30	10	1699	Bratton Clovelly	John	Rowe	
30	10	1699	Bratton Clovelly	John	Tickle	



The Devonshire Boys' courage and loyalty to their Majesties King William and Queen Mary, in defending their county from the invasion of the French. To an excellent new tune, called "The Devonshire Boys' Delight," or "The Liggan Waters."

Brave Devonshire boys made haste away,  
When News did come from Tinnmouth Bay,  
The French were landed in that town,  
And treacherously had burnt it down.

When to the town they did draw near,  
The French did straightways disappear,  
Because that they had then beat down,  
And basely burnt poor Tinnmouth town.

&c., &c., &c.

*From the Roxburghe Ballads.*

The Devonshire Militia in response to the French Invasion of Teignmouth in 1690. The event is described in the Roxburghe Ballads and provides the earliest depiction of the Devonshire Militia.

From Col H Walrond's

*Historical Records of the 1st Devon Militia (1897).*



UNIFORM, 1759.

The early Devon musters evolved into the Militia, with the term militia coming into use in the 1500s. The French Wars demanded the professional force that eventually evolved into the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot in 1751 and then the Devonshire Regiment in 1881. From Col H Walrond's *Historical Records of the 1<sup>st</sup> Devon Militia (1897).*

## 1569 Muster Roll: Bratton Clovelly

From *The Devon Muster Roll for 1569*, ed A J Howard and T L Stoate, published by T L Stoate, Almondsbury, Bristol, 1977:

'The 1569 muster roll for Devon is one of the most important to have survived for any county in any period. It contains 17,778 names with 25 parishes missing... Mustering, which in this period meant little more than a display and inspection of men and equipment arose out of the obligation of every man to bear arms in home defence. It was first put on a regular basis in the reign of Elizabeth and in the early part of her reign took place about once every three years but increased in frequency as the Spanish invasion threat grew. In 1567 a strong Spanish army established in the Netherlands constituted a real threat to England and was so understood by Elizabeth and the Privy Council. On March 26th 1569 the Council issued a directive to the counties to hold a general muster of all men over 16 ...

Each parish in the hundred then follows divided into four sections.

The sworn presenters who bring to notice the facts shown in the rolls. They are among the most important parishioners and are often duplicated in the next section. Occasionally two parishes share the same set of presenters.

The providers of armour. By "An Act for the Having of Horse, Armour and Weapons" ... which is referred to in the roll as the Statute of Armour, all citizens possessed of certain wealth, including widows and clergy, were to provide armour and weapons according to a laid down scale and were subject to penalties if they did not do so, except that it was a valid excuse if they were genuinely unable to obtain them because of "want and lack of within the realm". The number falling this class is 3294, or about a third of the number taxed in an Elizabethan subsidy; thus they were made up of the gentry and the richer yeomen ... [G7 denotes those in possession of goods to the value of £10 to £20, with a requirement to provide 1 bow, 1 sheaf of arrows, 1 steel cap, 1 bill]

A section dealing with the responsibility of the parish as a whole for the provision of armour ... [Bratton parishioners had no responsibility for armour beyond those of item 2]

The ablemen. These are divided into 5 categories — light horsemen, archers, harquebusiers, pikemen and billmen ...

The roll ought to give the names of all ablemen between the ages of 16 and 60, there being no better definition of "able" than that they were fit to serve in war ... [A]ll the parishes in Lifton are represented but the tinnars are excluded [tinnars were mustered by the stannary courts] ... [taking into account "unable" men] the genealogist has something like a 50% chance of finding a name in the given age and sex group ...'

Section	Given Name	Surname	Assessment	Ablemen Category
Presenter	Richard	Lauxforde		
Presenter	William	Pengelly		
Presenter	Thomas	Bickell		
Assessed	Richard	Arscotte	G7	
Assessed	Margaret	Blackdon	G7	
Assessed	Thomas	Byckhill	G7	
Assessed	Henry	Elacot	G7	
Assessed	John	Maye	G7	
Ableman	Thomas	Bickell		Archer
Ableman	George	Luxmore		Archer
Ableman	Roger	Pengelly		Archer
Ableman	John	Maye		Archer
Ableman	Henry	Hockaday		Archer
Ableman	Alban	Elacot		Archer
Ableman	Christopher	Smalrudge		Archer
Ableman	Robert	Reade		Archer

Section	Given Name	Surname	Assessment	Ablemen Category
Ableman	Robert	White		Archer
Ableman	Richard	Tadde		Harquebusier
Ableman	Thomas	Hockday		Harquebusier
Ableman	Michael	Tanner		Harquebusier
Ableman	John	Allyn		Harquebusier
Ableman	Thomas	Heathman		Harquebusier
Ableman	Thomas	Downe		Harquebusier
Ableman	Roger	Bickill		Harquebusier
Ableman	William	Brocke		Harquebusier
Ableman	John	Bonadon		Pikeman
Ableman	Edward	Chaste		Pikeman
Ableman	John	Jorye		Pikeman
Ableman	Richard	Drewe		Pikeman
Ableman	Richard	Risedon		Pikeman
Ableman	Robert	Grome		Pikeman
Ableman	Henry	Pengellye		Pikeman

Section	Given Name	Surname	Assessment	Ablemen Category
Ableman	Richard	Pengelly		Pikeman
Ableman	Stephen	Gawen		Pikeman
Ableman	Henry	White		Pikeman
Ableman	William	Marshall		Pikeman
Ableman	Roger	Horwill		Pikeman
Ableman	James	Byckell		Billman
Ableman	John	Illacot		Billman