

Baker Arthur Richard

1918 absent voter (Butterrow)

Ball Herbert Charles

Stroud News 23/04/1915:

Enlisted. Lightpill

Ball William Richard

Stroud Journal. 26/11/1915:

Under the Derby Scheme, passed the medical test for the reserve. Rodborough.

Stroud News 02/03/1917:

Rifleman W.R. Ball of Bath Rd, Stroud, has been home on sick leave suffering from trench feet and frost bite. Formerly employed as a clerk at Lodgemore Mills (he) enlisted in the Gloucesters in June 1916. He proceeded to France and at Le Havre was attached to the Rifle Brigade and afterwards to the Kings Royal Rifles.

1918 Absent voter (Bath Rd)

Ball Herbert Charles

Lightpill. Stroud News 23/4/1915 enlisted

1918 absent voter

Ball William Richard

Stroud News 26/11/1915. Enlisted Reserve. Rodborough

1918 absent voter (Bath Rd)

Barnfield Thomas

1918 absent voter (Spillmans Pitch)

Barrett John

1918 absent voter (Bath Rd)

Barrett Wesley Mendelssohn

1918 absent voter (Butterrow)

Bassett Alfred Edward

Stroud and The Great War published by Stroud News 1920:

Serving with 5th Glos Rgt.

Butterrow School log book 19/01/1917:

Alfred Bassett home from France on 10 days Furlough called – he has been at the front for two winters.

1918 absent voter (Butterrow)

Bassett E.E.

Stroud and The Great War published by Stroud News 1920:

Serving with R.N.

Bassett G.E.

Bassett Norris William

1918 absent voter (Butterrow)

Bassett S.

Sidney?

Stroud and The Great War published by Stroud News 1920:

Serving with R.F.A. Reserves

Bassett William

1918 absent voter (Butterrow)

Bateman George

1918 absent voter (Bath Rd)

Baxter Aubrey Horatio

Listed as serving by Stroud News 28/05/1915

Beard George Henry

1918 absent voter (Fir Tree Place)

Beard William

1918 absent voter (The Butts)

Beard William

1918 absent voter (Kingscourt)

Bearne Jonathan Vaughan

1918 absent voter (The Firs)

Beavis Cyril Charles

Stroud News 12/01/1917:

Sapper Cyril Beavis of the Royal Engineers, member of the firm E. Beavis & son, building contractor of Stroud, was to be seen with his beloved motor-cycle in Stroud last weekend. He is looking very fit and his practical experience has enabled him to do very useful work in the Army during the last few months. He is another of the many old Marlingtonians who has answered his country's call.

1918 absent voter (Glen Isla, Rodborough Lane)

Bennett Alec

2nd Lt. R.F.A.

Brother of E.P. Bennett V.C.

Bennett Eugene Paul Major V.C.

Worcs. Rgt.

Stroud News 12/5/1916:

... decorated with Military Cross by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace. Old Marling School boy.

Stroud News 26/1/17:

With the Colours

Capt. Paul Bennett VC Mc and his brother Theodore Bennett have had the pleasure of a few days together. Both in the Worcs. Regt. They have had some rare experiences no doubt, but wild horses could not induce them to talk about the army or their part in the war. Paul bears his honours with soldierlike modesty; in fact, I believe he would prefer that we should forget about them. But that cannot be done these days, sir.

More information in the book 'Summoned from the Hillside'

Bidlake Alexander

1918 absent voter (Houndscroft House)

Bingle Albin

Stroud News 16/02/1917:

Staff-Sergt. of the Royal Field Artillery returned to his duties in France on Tuesday after ... enjoyable ... (leave)... youngest son of Mr Frederick Bingle of Park View, Dudbridge ... has spent two years in France and has taken part in the battles of Ypres, Neuve Chapelle, Festubert, Givenchy, Loos and the Somme. During the whole of this time he has only had two terms of respite, the first being about twelve months ago. He brought home any number of mementoes on the present occasion. He is looking very fit ... Before joining up he was employed in the fitting shop at the Dudbridge ironworks.

Bingle Allen

Stroud News 15/01/1915

Youngest son of Mr Frederick Bingle of Park View Dudbridge has successfully passed to a fitter-staff-sergt. At the P.O. College, Woolwich for active service with the Royal Field Artillery.

Bishop Charles Richard

1918 absent voter (Wallbridge)

Bishop Frank Henry

Of Dudbridge.

Stroud News 26/1/1917:

A discharged wounded soldier, Bishop was found guilty at Gloucester Assizes of attempted murder of his girlfriend, Alberta Young, who was the sister of the widow of Lionel Phipps (Rodborough War Memorial).

CAINSCROSS SHOOTING CHARGE.

Frank Henry Bishop, (24), described as a clerk, was indicted for that he on Dec. 29th, at Cainscross, "feloniously did shoot with a certain revolver loaded with powder and divers leaden bullets at one, Alberta Florence Young, with intent in so doing then and thereby feloniously, wilfully and with malice aforethought to kill and murder the said, Alberta Florence Young." There were also alternative charges, including one of inflicting grievous bodily harm.—Mr. Carmichael appeared for the prosecution. Mr. McKenna appeared for the prisoner, who pleaded not guilty.

In opening the case for the prosecution, Mr Carmichael described it as an extremely serious one. The young woman was a packer at the Dudbridge Works of the Stroud Metal Company, and lived with her parents at The Butts, Rodborough, near Stroud. The prisoner had been a soldier, and was now discharged on account of his wounds. The parties met last July, and they started keeping company. Apparently, almost at the very start there seemed to have been quarrels, and the prisoner threatened the prosecutrix. On December 24th the couple walked out together, and he (counsel) thought there was some quarrelling on that day. They eventually parted as friends, and the prosecutrix promised to go out walking with him on December 25th, but apparently she did not do so. Apparently before that the prisoner had threatened to do her some injury if she gave him up. On the evening of December 27th prisoner saw the girl's mother and asked "What's up with 'Bert' (meaning the prosecutrix) to-night? She has given me up and won't come out. Is it because of my wounds?" The mother said to him, "Frank, you cannot expect her to come out with you when you have been to the mill and threatened to take her life." Prisoner said, "Yes, I did, but it was in temper. I shouldn't hurt her; I love her too much for that." The mother declined to let her daughter go out with the prisoner that night. Prisoner offered to be searched, said he had

Stroud News

26/1/1917

Gloucester Assizes

Frank Henry Bishop

nothing on him, and gave his word that he would not do the girl any harm; but the mother would not allow the girl to accompany him. The girl did not appear to have seen the prisoner between December 24th and 27th. On the 27th he had met her at the gates of the works where she was employed. She had left the works half an hour before her time because she did not want to meet the prisoner. On December 29th the prisoner went to the works where the girl was employed about 11.30 in the morning and asked the commissionaire to send in and say that he wished to see Miss Young. The prosecutrix came out to him, and they walked down the road for a short distance, when all of a sudden she became aware that he had a pistol in his hand. Seeing the pistol and remembering the threats of violence made to her by the prisoner she turned and fled. Upon that the prisoner put up the revolver and shot at her. The girl continued to fly and the prisoner followed. In all prisoner discharged five shots out of a five-chambered revolver at that unfortunate young woman, several of them taking effect in the back of her body. Counsel remarked that he thought he might say that the prisoner owed it to Providence that he was not charged with the most serious offence known to the law. Prisoner pursued the girl into the works, where the commissionaire seized him, took the revolver from his outstretched hand, and confined him in the Board Room until Police Superintendent Biggs arrived. To Supt. Biggs the prisoner admitted the offence, and said that he intended to kill that unfortunate young woman and then to kill himself. Prisoner had, on his own confession, bought the revolver that morning obviously with the intention of shooting the prosecutrix.

Evidence was given by the prosecutrix, who said that on one occasion the prisoner told her to go home or there would be a tragedy that night; but eventually they parted on good terms. On a subsequent occasion prisoner said that if she threw him over he would "do" for her. On the occasion referred to prisoner called at her mother's house and asked for the presents he had given her, but when they were produced he refused to take them. On December 29th, upon receiving prisoner's message at the works, she went out to the mill gates. He then asked her if she would go out for a walk with him for the last time, as he was going away to undergo an operation. They walked away together for a few yards, when she noticed him put his hand in his left pocket. She saw him pull out a revolver, whereupon she turned to run away. She heard a shot and felt it hit her. She heard more than one shot afterwards, but could not say how many. She was hit in four places.

Witness identified the writing of the prisoner in a letter, which the Judge read, stating "Will you kindly send back the presents at your earliest convenience?" I am

sending back the present you gave me, and thank you for the unhappiness you have caused me. You will be sorry for this—mark my words. I guess the reason, 'Bert,' it is because I am so badly wounded. You will never be happy." The letter also asks the girl not to forget the furs, ring, etc., and added, "I know you don't want to swank with things bought out of my blood and money."

In cross-examination by Mr. McKenna, the prosecutrix said she was afraid not to make it up with the prisoner. He might have been jealous of her, but he had no cause to be so.

Giving evidence on his own behalf, the prisoner said he was discharged from the Army after being twice wounded. He was in hospital for some time, and had been operated upon seven times. His condition at times was such that he did not know what he was doing half his time. He only threatened prosecutrix once, and that was on the morning of December 27th. He was upset by prosecutrix not going out with him, but he did not mean to do her any harm. He bought the revolver with the intention of killing himself. Prosecutrix promised to see him on Christmas Day, but she was in the company of another man.

Asked whether he had anything to say, the prisoner said he was sincerely sorry for what happened. He hoped the Court would take into consideration that he had been wounded three times. He had fought for his King and country, and "it was up to you, gentlemen, to take that into consideration."

His Lordship said it was one of the clearest and simplest cases he had ever tried. The prisoner had fired most deliberately at the girl and tried to kill her. It was only a merciful Providence which prevented him ending his life on the murderers' scaffold. He (his Lordship) took into consideration the recommendation of the jury, and the sentence would be three years' penal servitude.

As prisoner was removed from the dock he said he would appeal.

Bishop Henry

Military record – attested 08/10/1914. Age 36, stoker, married, previous military service. Served in France.

Blaine William

Stroud News 28/05/1915:

Rodborough men serving

Blake "Buster"

Stroud Journal 16/08/1918:

of 1/5th Gloucesters was home at Lightpill on a month's leave from Italy. He was with "Pongo" Butcher, or in his section when the latter was supposed to have gone under, but Buster couldn't believe he was dead and he and Joe Huxford searched the ground and found no trace of him. Buster joined up at the war's beginning, so has indeed done his whack.

Blanch A.T.H.

Wycliffe and the War published 1923:

Dec 1914. Pte 2/5th Glos Rgt. Trans to Inns of Court O.T.C, Oct 1915, Comm, R.E, July 1916. Lieut., Jan 1918. Western Front, Oct 1916- Apr 1919, Battles of Ancre, Arras, Passchendaele, Cambrai, Mentioned in despatches. CAPT. A. T. H. BLANCH. " For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal, he displayed the greatest courage and resource in maintaining communication between battalions and brigade headquarters. Regardless of heavy shelling, he was constantly out with the linesmen and visual signallers, and it was mainly due to his splendid efforts and example that the situation was kept well in hand."

Stroud Journal 20/11/1914:

During the past week the following have been added to the list of Old Wyciffians serving with the Colours ... A.T.H. Blanch United Arts' Corps.



Stroud Journal 05/07/1918:

Lieut. Arthur Blanch R.E. of Beechcroft, Rodborough was awarded the Military Cross on 23rd April (1918)

1930s directory: *Blanch T.H. Beechcroft, Bath Rd, Rodborough*

Blandford Arthur Henry

Both A. H. And G. Blandford served in the Yorkshire Regiment, both having moved from Stroud to Leeds before WW1. AHB was my grandfather – the family moved back to Stroud after the war, living first at Cainscross before moving to Rodborough Hill, just below the Prince Albert and finally to 12 Middle Spillmans. Uncle Gilbert stayed in Leeds.

(Ron Cook 2014)

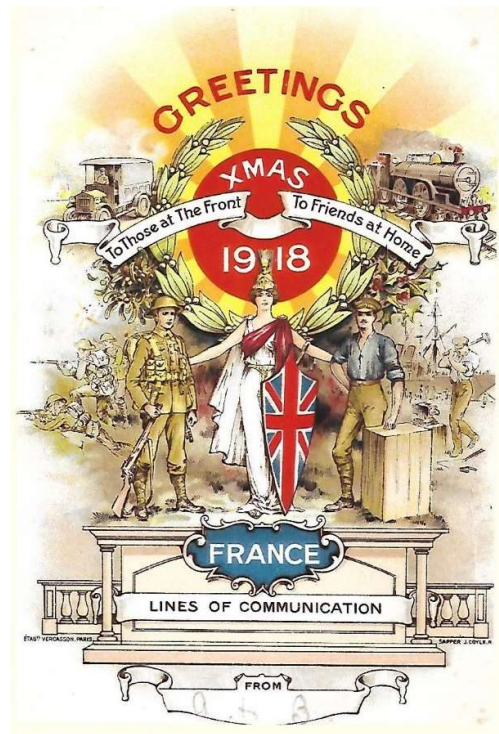


The hospital photo shows Arthur Blandford whilst being treated for injury to his right shoulder (*at table on the right*). We're not sure whether the field hospital was northern France or in the UK.

Postcards sent by A.H. Blandford from the front



PEACE, PERFECT PEACE (2).
Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties press'd?
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.



Blandford C.E.

Stroud and the Great War, published by Stroud News 1920:

Serving with 5th Glos Rgt.

Blandford Charles

1918 absent voter (Middle Spillmans)

Blandford Gilbert R.

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920:

Serving with Yorks. L.I.

Both Arthur Henry And Gilbert Blandford served in the Yorkshire Regiment, both having moved from Stroud to Leeds before WW1.
Ron Cook 2014

1918 absent voter (Middle Spillmans)



Bloodworth John Arthur

Stroud News April 1915:

Rodborough. Enlisted Remount Depot

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920:

Serving with 5th ASC Re Depot

1918 absent voter (Butterrow)

Bloodworth Percival John

1918 absent voter (Butterrow)

Bowcott Leonard Charles

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920:

Serving with 2nd Worcs

Military record – Ex- soldier recalled. Of Bagpath, age 32, starcher in a carpet factory. Promoted to acting sergeant. Received a war pension due to shell shock.

Reference No. 2/wmc/A15K
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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,
BURTON COURT,
KING'S ROAD,
LONDON, S W 3.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to inform you of the undermentioned decision in the case of a man whose discharge documents have been recently received with the view to having the claim to pension considered.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

William Sanger
Controller,
Soldiers' Awards Branch.

To the Officer Commanding
..... Regiment.

Rank (for pension) Sgt Regimental No. 35671
Name (Surname first) Bowcott Leonard Charles
Regiment or Corps Worcestershire
Date of Discharge 1.3.19 Age on Discharge 35 Marital Status married
Address on Discharge Bagpath Brimscombe Stroud
Disabilities 1. Shell Shock State whether 1. attributable
2. aggravated or 2. non-
3. attributable 3. attributable
Degree of Disablement 20%
(in percentages)
Weekly Pension 6/6 to be reviewed in 26 weeks
or Allowance me from 2.3.19
Allowances for children 1/4
A. 19
A. 19

13028 25/06/1919 1m pads 2-18 J.P. Op. 100
11792 41852/1875 1m pads 19

Box Charles E.

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920:

Serving with 5th Glos Rgt.

Charles Edward Box

(from granddaughter, Helen)

Born Rodborough 3/4/1895
Died 28/10/1984

Served in the Army Service Corps as a driver. Arrived in France 31/3/1915. Was in Italy in 1918 and survived the Spanish 'Flu whilst he was there. Served in The Stroud Territorials prior to the outbreak of war and in 1914 as a driver recruit won special shooting prizes.

My grandfather did not speak to me or my mother about the war in detail, but I can remember a couple of stories!

Firstly he was a bit short sighted and worried he might fail the medical, so he crept into the hut or wherever and learned the eye chart off by heart. I don't think they were expected to read down to the last line but when my grandfather could the recruiting officer said 'finest eyesight in the British Army'!

Another story he told was when he was overseas with bad toothache he sat on a tree stump and had an extraction without anaesthetic!

He also had a walking stick with an ornate silver handle and initials on it which he claimed to have got from a German Officer by fighting him for it.

In 1909, aged 14, he was apprenticed for 5 years to Herbert Morris Owen, printer, bookbinder and stationer of High St, Stroud. In 1915 Herbert lived in Rodborough Avenue Stroud.

Sadly Herbert a 2nd Lieutenant in the Cheshire Regiment died of wounds 25/3/18 and was buried in St Pierre Cemetery Amiens. He is commemorated in Gloucester Cathedral on a memorial to Freemasons in the area.

Charles married my grandmother Doris Ada Gregory in Leonard Stanley and had 2 daughters my mother Mary (christened Iris Pearl Mary) and her sister Betty (Elisabeth).

After his apprenticeship he worked in the printing business all his life. He knew his trade inside out and became Managing Director of John Bellows printing works in

Gloucester. He knew the Bellows family well and I have a collection of their famous French dictionaries and other Bellows publications.



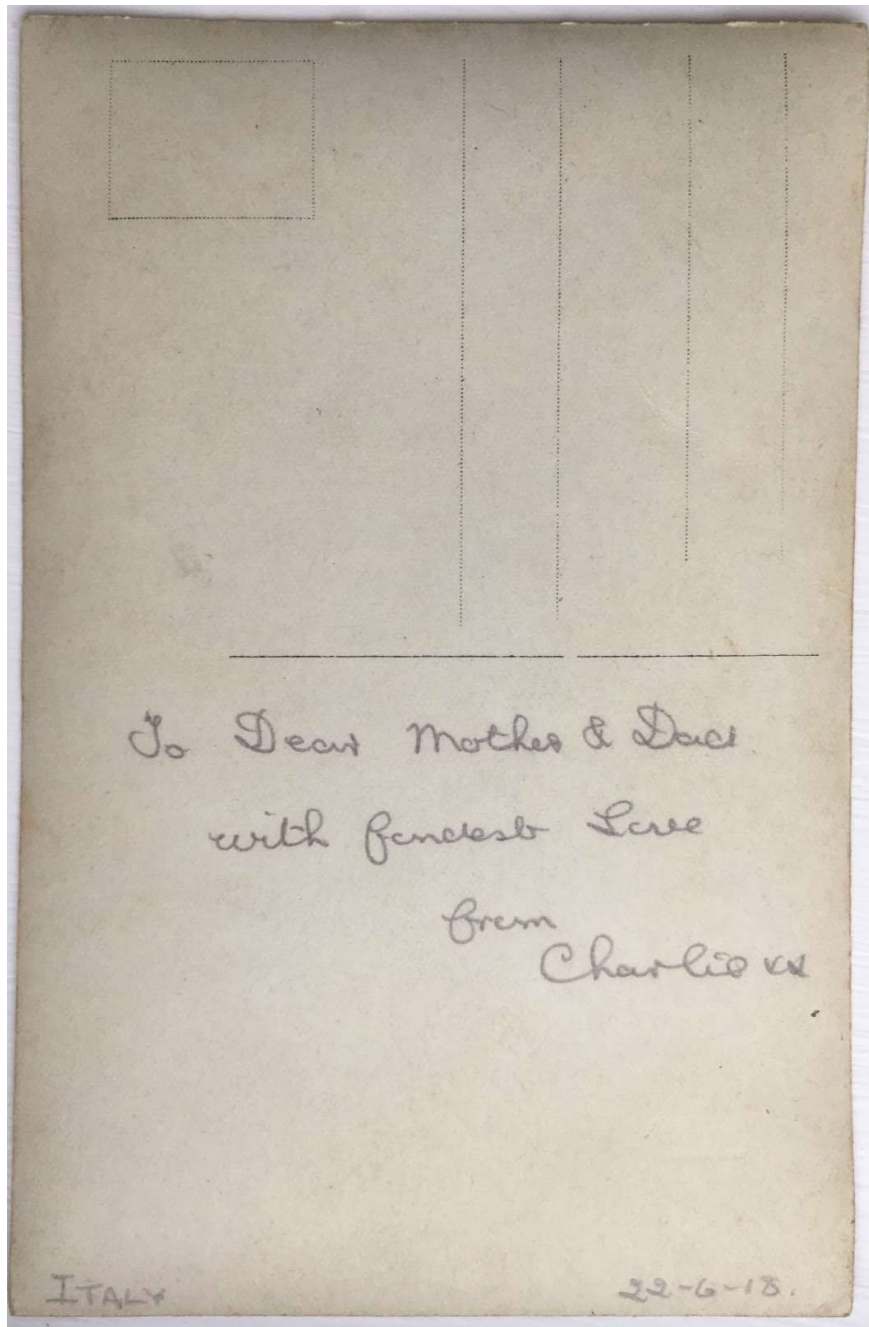
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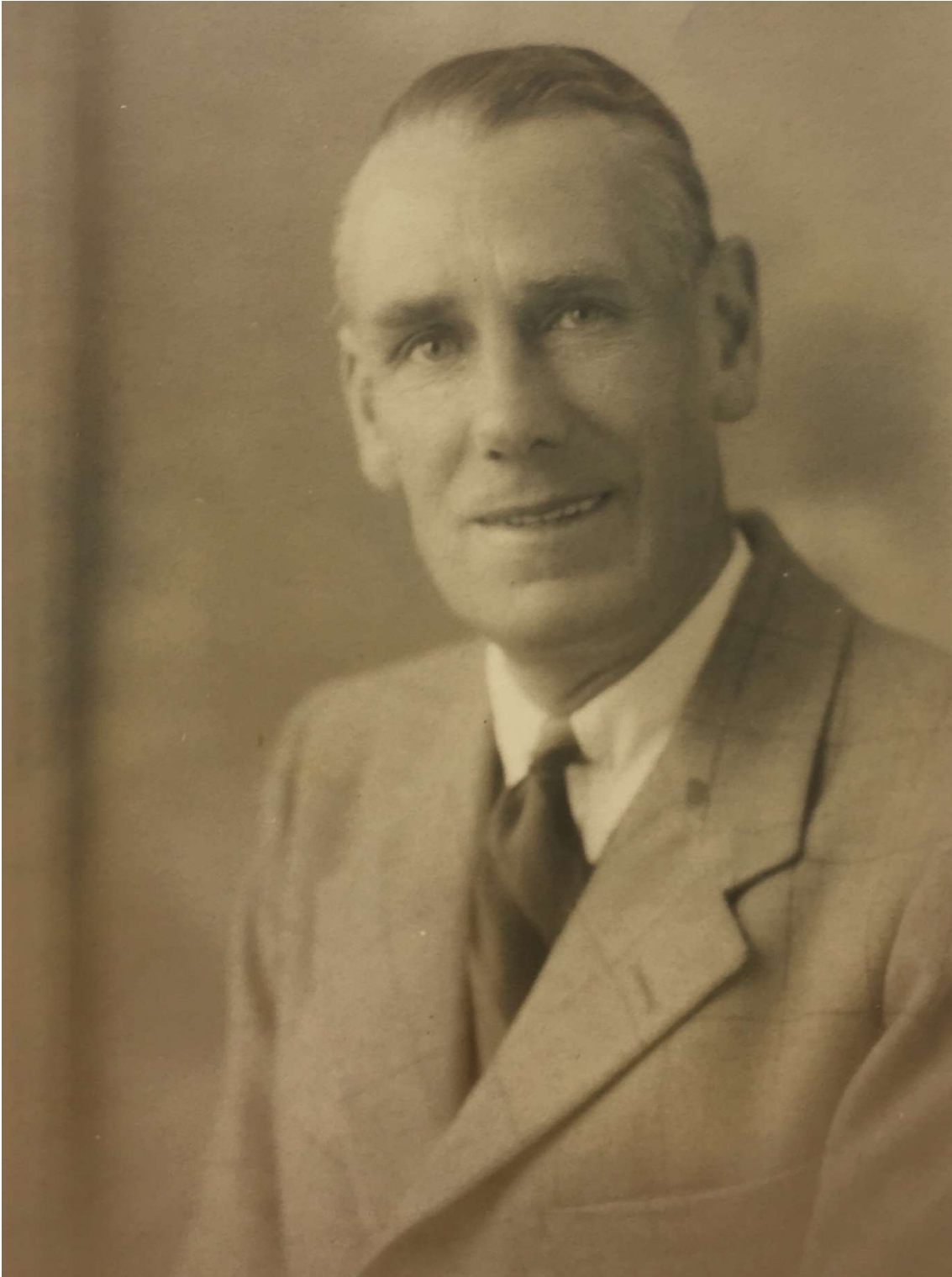


Charles Edward Box



Charles Edward Box in Italy





Charles Box in later life

Box Walter F.

Listed as serving 28/05/15 by Stroud News

Stroud News 29/06/1917:

Corpl. W, F Box of Spillmans Rd, Rodborough was awarded the Military Medal.

Stroud Journal 28/12/1917:

One of Mr Browne's colts of Rodborough School and grown out of almost all knowledge. He appears to be in the artillery and is a fine example of what the army can do with the youth of the country. He is double the size he was before he went out and big in proportion, and with a fine upstanding carriage.

From Great Niece, Helen:

Walter Frederick Box was born 3 Aug 1891 in Rodborough and died in 1947. His WW1 medals card show him being in the RGA and the Royal Engineers. In the 1911 Wales census he is stationed in Angle Pembrokeshire as a gunner with the Royal Garrison Artillery, but I do not know if he was a serving soldier when the war broke out.

He married Ivy Daisy May Spencer in 1917. He died of TB having lost his eldest son Ivan Maxwell to the disease the previous year. Another daughter Joyce Muriel had died of diphtheria 20 years previously. (My mother had been playing with her and there was great concern that she too was going to be infected). Walter's widow took their daughter Jean to a sanatorium in Switzerland in order to save her life as she also had TB and mother and daughter lived together for many years in Switzerland, Jean having married a Swiss. I visited them a number of times in the Alps when I was a child. Another son (Frederick) Michael lived into old age.

Walter died before I was born but my mother told me that my grandfather Charles and he were always teasing each other and having fun, together with their father Fred. Apparently Fred would walk up Spillman's Pitch from the pub with a large jug of beer that they would share. Fred was a lovely man with twinkling eyes and a great sense of fun.

I am afraid I do not know what Walter did for a living after the war.



Walter Box – who appears to be holding his military medal.



Frederick and Mary Box (Charles & Walter's parents)

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From Helen, great granddaughter of Frederick

Bradley Ernest

Military record – Enrolled October 1916 R.A.M.C, of Park Cottages, Spillmans Rd enlisted aged 25, printers warehouseman, previous military service

Bradley George James

Enlisted 11/12/15 of Swells Hill, aged 29, lathe hand

Bradley James

Stroud Journal 20/08/1915:

Bath Rd. Enlisted RAMC

Braine William

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920:

Serving Q.M.S.

Brewer Reginald

1918 absent voter (Butterrow)

Bridgeman George James

Military record – Attested 11/12/1915. Of Swells Hill, Rodborough, age 29, lathe-hand, married.

Died from influenza in Feb 1919 while still in Army Service.

FIELD SERVICE. Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT **LABOUR CORPS.** Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company **NO.158 LABOUR COMPANY.**
 OR CORPS }
 Regimental No. **94263.** Rank **PRIVATE.**
 Surname **BRIDGEMAN.** Christian Names **GEORGE JAMES.**
 Date **8.2.1919.** Place **No.4 Stationary Hospital, Arques.**
 Died Cause of Death **Influenza.**
 Nature and Date of Report **Army Form W.3034 dated 8.2.1919.**
 By whom made **Officer Commanding No.4 Stationary Hospital.**
 * Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.
 State whether he leaves (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) (b) in Small Book (If at Base) (c) as a separate document **Not received.**
 a Will or not
 All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.
 Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.
 A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.
 Station and Date **G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.** Signature of Officer in charge of Section **CAPTAIN.**
22.2.1919. Adjutant-General's Office **For Officer i/c Labour Corps Section.**
 (2230) Wt. W.3730/P332 500m JFW 1/18 Forms B2090a/4

Brightwell Henry

Stroud News 28/05/15:

Listed as serving

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920:

Serving with ASC.

Brightwell Henry

Roll of Honour Stroud Journal 18/09/1914:

Lightpill, Kitchener's Army

Brooker George

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920:

Colour Sergeant serving with the National Res 1914-15

Brookes Thomas

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920:

serving with the RAMC 1914-15

Brotheridge Alan Timothy

Military record - Born Twynning Nr Tewkesbury. Attested 21/07/1916, of Cleveland, Rodborough Ave, aged 29 accountant and auctioneer, married with children.

Stroud News 27/10/1916 (with the Colours):

I have been shown a picture of Mr A.T Brotheridge of the from Messrs Carter & Brotheridge of Rowcroft, with a machine gun section. Always alert and smart, the army training he has undergone has had the effect of considerably improving his physique.

Stroud Journal 30/03/1917:

... Home on leave ... looking much better than last time. Now back on the motor machine gun section after having a spell on tanks...

Discharged 1/11/1917 medically unfit.

Brown Albert

Listed as serving by Stroud News 28/05/1915

Brown Charles William

Military record - Regular soldier joined up 1907, aged 19, labourer, single.

Brown D.C.

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920:

11th Glos. Rgt. 1914-15

Brown Frank

Military record - 1918 Labour corps. Aged 27, of Gastrells, b 1891, formerly a carter, signed with X.

Attended Kingscourt School (log books)

1918 absent voter (Rooksmoor)

Brown William

Brother of Donald Campbell Brown (on Rodborough war memorial).

Stroud Journal 9th March 1916:

Serving in France with the Horse Guards.

Browne Edgar Charles

Military record – aged 39, of Rodborough Manor Cottage, 1916
invalid, mental health issues

Browning Alan (or Allen)

Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920:

Serving with T.F.

Browning Arthur George

Military record – Attested 13/01/1916, age 32, of Cromwell Terrace, Dudbridge, decorator, married. Selected for R.E railway Troops (construction). Active service in Salonica, contacted malaria, pension claim rejected.

1918 absent voter list (Cromwell Terrace)

Browning Ernest

Stroud Journal 20/05/1918:

Bath Rd. Private. Late of Apperly & Curtis. Home on leave. Stationed on east coast with 17th Glos labour Btn. “*He is one of the best and quite a character with his “Don’t thee bother”, “Theese got no idea at all” and “Thee stand off”, invariable remarks of his and brought out in the richest of dialects.*”

Stroud Journal 10/05/1918:

"... of Bath Rd is home on sick leave and we hope to hear his cheerful accents telling us on enquiry: "Doan't thee bother."

Browning Francis William

Military record – Enlisted A.S.C in 1902 and joined the reserves in 1908.

He was arrested for bigamy on 01/01/1917 and convicted at the Old Bailey on 12/02/1917 and discharged by the Army at 8am on 15/02/1917

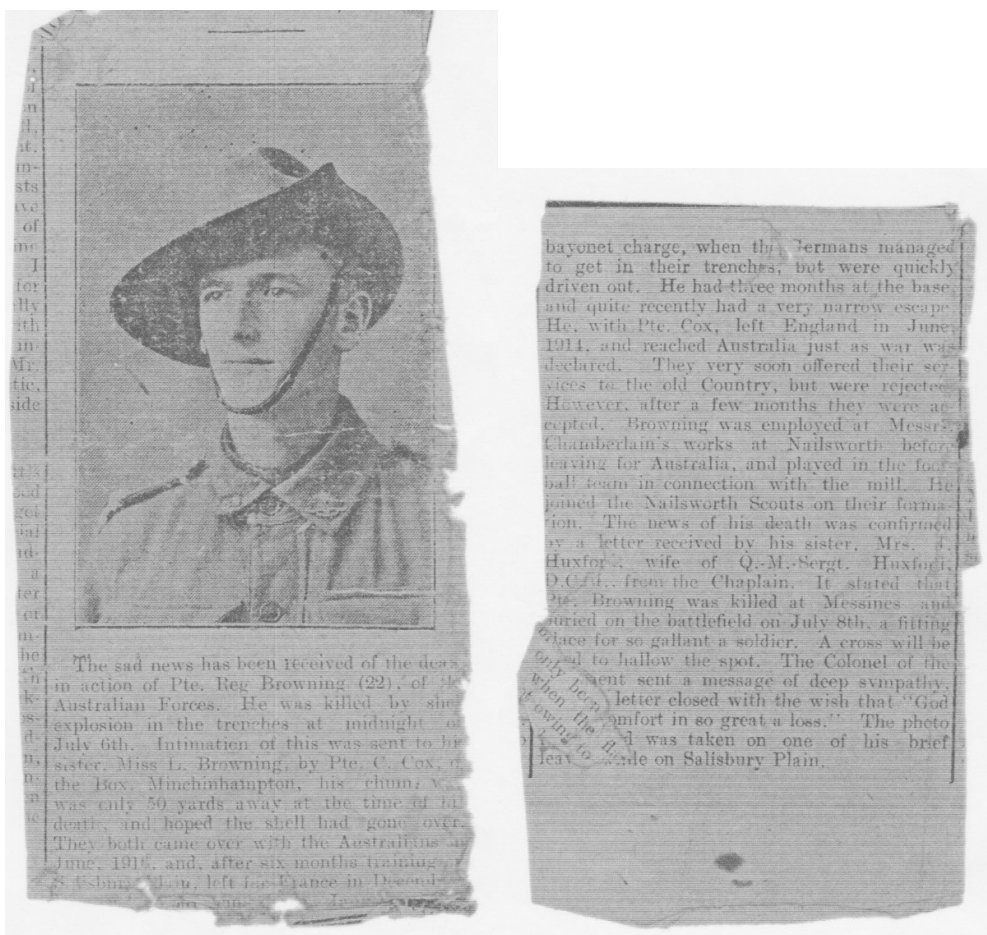
Browning J.T.

Listed as serving 28/05/1915 (Stroud News)

Browning Reginald Thomas

www.militaryimages.net/media/nailsworth-war-memorial-gloucestershire.78354/:

Pte 36th Australian Infantry died 7/7/1917 Buried in Messines Ridge British Cemetery, Belgium. V.A.26 In 1901 he was an inmate in Stroud Workhouse with his brother George and sister Lily, no parents shown. Reginald left our shores from Tilbury Docks on the 18th June 1914 aged 19 and gave his occupation as a Farm Student, bound for Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and ship Hawker Bay. He enlisted into the Australian Imperial Force on the 20th January 1916 as Private 709, C.Coy, 36th Battalion aged 21 He gave his address in England as Butterrow, Stroud, Gloucestershire, occupation Leather Worker, (I found later on another occupation as Pig Farmer, that may well be in New South Wales). He nominated his sister, Lily Louise Webb of 29, High Street, Reading, formerly 16, Southshore Road, Reading, Berkshire. He took the Oath on the at Liverpool, New South Wales 20th January 1916. He embarked Sydney on the 13th March 1916 and disembarked at Plymouth on the 9th July 1916. Whilst in England he went A.W.O.L from midnight 24th October 1916 to 10-15am on the 26th October 1916, he was sentenced to 9 days without pay. 22nd November 1916 left Southampton for France. On the 22nd January 1917 he was wounded in the field by a bayonet in his leg. He was admitted to 10th Australian Ambulance Clearing Station, the 24th January from 2nd Casualty Clearing Station to Ambulance Train. 28th January was transferred to 7th Convalescent Depot at Boulogne from the 3rd Canadian General Hospital. He rejoined his unit in the field at Etaples. On the 7th July 1916 he was killed in action in the field. No record was found as to the cause of death. Another record was found, Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force dated 6th January 1916 occupation Pig Farmer address was given as C/O Mrs Frieberh, Matriville Post Office, via Botany, New South Wales. On the 28th September 1917 his sister, Clara L Huxford of 4 Wellcroft Cottages, Lightpill near Stroud received the effects from her late brother.



35th Bⁿ A.9.9
France
July 9th 1914

Dear Mrs Huxford,

It is my ^{very} duty to write and tell you that I read the burial service yesterday over the body of your brother Pte R. Browning, who fell in action near Messines. He lies buried on the battlefield in a fitting place for a gallant soldier and a cross will be erected to mark & hallow the spot. The Colonel of his Battalion wishes me to convey to you his deep sympathy and I pray that God will give you comfort and strength to bear your great loss.

I am

Yours Sincerely
J. E. Norman Osborn
Chaplain C.E.

Browning William Henry

Military record – of Rodlea Villa, Lightpill, aged 35, pin machinist, married. Rifleman. Hospitalised in January 1917 with shrapnel wounds to thigh, ankle and cheek in again in December 1917 with dysentery.

1918 absent voters (South Lightpill)

Bruton Walter Edward

1918 absent voter (Lower Spillmans)

Buckland George William Telling

1918 absent voter (North Lightpill)

Buckland Walter Scott

1918 absent voter (Ashdon, Bath Rd)

Buckler Walter Russel

1918 absent voter (The Cedars)

Burford Albert Lewis

Loom hand of Montserrat. Known by the family as 'Lew'. Lew Burford was well-known around Stroud after the war as a local taxi driver. His brother Alfred Charles Burford was killed in action at the Battle of the Somme.

Military record – Attested 17/04/1917 with the Territorial Force (5th Glos), aged 20. Discharged 11/10/1916 following serious leg injury while engaged on Army construction for a new munitions works in County Durham. The injury occurred when an iron girder fell from a steam crane.

Court of Enquiry 23/03/1916 – The Court are of the opinion that no blame attaches to the driver of the crane.

Gratuity for 2 shortening £100 plus £10 for service awarded.

Burroughs Richard

Rodborough men serving Stroud News 28/05/1915

Born 1892, Of Court Bank Butterrow, Married Florence Cowley in 1923

Brother of Charles Henry (now recognised by CWGC as war death)

Burroughs William

Serving with 3rd Glos Rgt (Stroud and The Great War, published by Stroud News 1920)

Born 5th Nov 1896 in Rodborough, of Court Bank Butterrow.
Married Winifred Ellen Smith in 1935

Brother of Charles Henry (now recognised by CWGC as war death)

Butler Hermon

Rodborough men serving Stroud News 28/05/1915

Butler James

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Butt Harold Joseph

1918 absent voter (Golden Cross)

Burton Thomas Charles

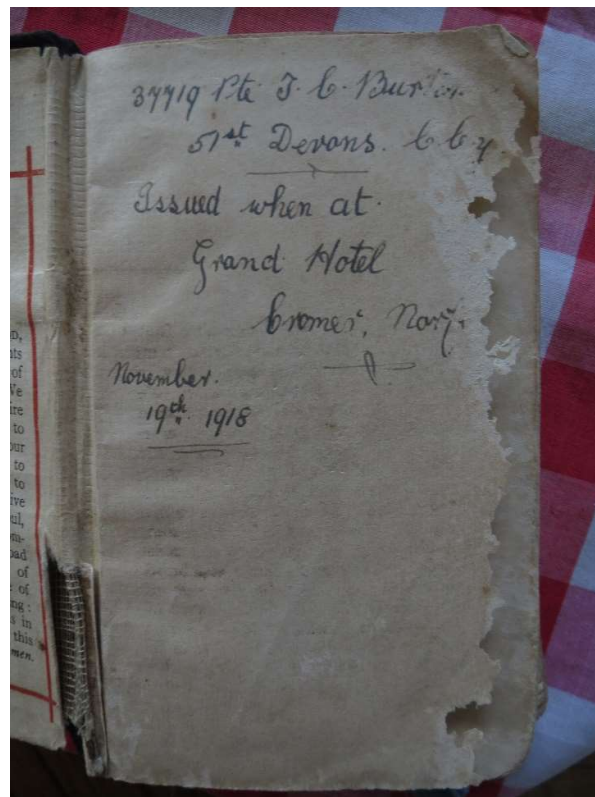
Born in 1900. Lived at The Butts. Served with the 57th Devons, as Private 37719.



Thomas Charles Burton and his father Thomas James Burton



Thomas Charles Burton standing 2nd left
– date and location unknown



Soldier's prayer book belonging to Thomas Charles Burton



Paperweights brought back from Germany after the war
by Tom Burton



Thomas Charles Burton seated left, date and location unknown