

BRITISH MILITARY HISTORY IN SIDMOUTH CEMETERY

A ROLL OF HONOUR FOR THE TWO WORLD WARS

and

**SOME OTHER BURIALS WITH MILITARY OR NAVAL CONNECTIONS
(1883 – 1974)**

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SIDMOUTH CEMETERY

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INTRODUCTION

Sidmouth Cemetery opened in 1879. This compilation of burials at the cemetery includes:-

A Roll of Honour relating to **the two world wars**, comprising:-

- 23 burials commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC); and
- 3 other burials not commemorated by the CWGC but which are honoured on the Sidmouth War Memorial.

A list of other individuals who at some time in their lives **had a connection with the armed forces or merchant navy**.

This comprises a **selection** of 147 burials in the older parts of the cemetery over the period 1883-1974.

This is not intended to be a comprehensive list and is based on the best information currently available on the individuals included.

Some less obvious abbreviations used:

KCMG/CMG – Knight Commander/Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George

KCB/CB – Knight Commander/Companion of the Order of Bath

CIE - Companion of the Indian Empire

DSO – Distinguished Service Order

DSC – Distinguished Service Cross

DSM – Distinguished Service Medal

References to 'India' are to pre-1947 British India. Place names used are those extant at the time.

The research on which this is based is continuing. Feedback is welcome on any errors or inaccuracies– johnmccarthy99@hotmail.com

ROLL OF HONOUR – WORLD WAR 1

Burials Commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

In chronological order of death

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
(William Alfred) George RICHARDS <i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial</i>	Private	Royal Defence Corps. Served in Plymouth.	Born 1868 – Sidbury. Died 18 April 1917, at home, of stomach cancer.	Russell Street. Husband of Alice Jane Richards.
Richard CHANNING <i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial (His brother George Channing of the Devonshire Regiment was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, and is buried at Carnoy Cemetery, France).</i>	Sergeant	Training Reserve 44 th Battalion.	Born 1883 – Sidbury. Died 15 August 1917, of gastric illness, at Croydon War Hospital.	Beavis Terrace, Newtown. Husband of Beatrice Channing.
Charles BELK	Major	Royal Defence Corps Served with the Leicestershire Regiment 1890–1904, including in Egypt and Sudan.	Born 1866 – Sheffield. Died 16 December 1917.	Royal York Hotel. (Home address – St Leonards Place, York).

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
John William RAMSDEN	Rifleman	King's Royal Rifles.	Born 1893 – Erith, Kent. Died 30 April 1918, of TB	Glenisla Terrace. Receiving treatment? Son of David and Emma Ramsden of Erith, Kent.
Ching LING	Chief Steward	Merchant Navy - <i>SS Kendal Castle</i> . Sunk 4 miles off Torbay by <i>UB-104</i> whilst returning to Cardiff after transporting supplies to British forces in France.	Born 1893 - Hong Kong or China. Died 15 September 1918.	Body found on Sidmouth shoreline.
William Percy DARKE <i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial</i>	Private	9 th Battalion Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. Died of pneumonia at the military Hospital at Compton Chamberlayne, Wiltshire.	Born 1900 – Sidmouth. Died 24 October 1918.	Holmdale. Son of William and Elizabeth Darke.
William Thomas SANDERS <i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial</i>	Gunner	Royal Navy, <i>HMS Mischief</i> .	Born 1887 – Teignmouth. Died 27 October 1918, of influenza at Greenock Hospital, Scotland.	Albert Terrace, Salcombe Road. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Sanders Previously- he worked at Trumps Stores before enlisting in 1906.
William Henry James MOORE <i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial</i>	Private	53 rd Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment.	Born 1900 – Sidmouth. Died 15 December 1918, at home – TB.	Park Terrace, Temple Street. Son of William and Louisa Moore.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
Francis William LOVEDAY DSO	Lt-Colonel	Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA). Previously served in Boer War, China and India. Served WW1 with RGA, initially in the 1 st Peshawar Division in India. Then the Western Front. Mentioned in Dispatches in 1917 for his courage supporting the 1st ANZAC Corps. Awarded DSO in 1918:- <i>"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting his guns forward along a narrow and broken planked road under heavy shell fire. After several attempts to use horses he had to resort to man power."</i> Subsequently wounded. Finally, he was Commanding Officer of RGA 16 th Brigade (south coast defences in England).	Born 1879 – Wardington, Oxfordshire. Died 15 September 1919.	Salcombe Road. Husband of Lilas Mary Loveday
Frank REED	Acting Bombardier	Royal Field Artillery, 4 th Wessex Brigade Enlisted 1914. Died of illness.	Born 1887 – East Budleigh. Died 12 January 1920.	Bulverton. Son of Willoughby and Lavinia Reed.
Harry Torriano PRITCHARD	Captain	Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Previously Indian Staff Corp (Bengal). Served WW1 in Lincolnshire Territorial Force.	Born 1867 – London. Died 3 February 1920.	Staying at the Bedford Hotel. Lived at Peatling Parva, Leicestershire.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
Louis WIGG	Private	8 th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Served in France and/or Belgium	Born 1894 – Clapham, London. Died 16 February 1920, in Sidmouth, of TB.	Eaton Terrance, Temple Street. Receiving treatment in Sidmouth? Husband of Emily Grace Wigg.
Robert Napier GREATHEAD	Lt-Colonel	Royal Artillery. Previously served on the North West Frontier of India, 1897/98. In WW1 served in South Africa and France. Invalided home in 1916.	Born 1871– Bengal India. Died 20 March 1920 in Sidmouth.	Elysian Fields. Husband of Alice Greathead (deceased)
“UNKNOWN SEAMAN - KNOWN UNTO GOD”	n/k	Merchant Navy.	Died 1918	Body found on Sidmouth shoreline. Buried in the same grave as Ching Ling, above.

ROLL OF HONOUR – WORLD WAR 1

Other Burials Relating to World War 1

(ones not commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission)

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
<p>Ernly Richard John CARNELL</p> <p><i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial</i></p>	<p>Officer's Steward</p>	<p>Royal Navy. <i>HMS Vivid</i> (shore base).</p>	<p>Born 1899 – Sidmouth.</p> <p>Died 3 June 1917, of TB, at home.</p>	<p>Salcombe Road. Son of Richard and Emily Carnell.</p>
<p>Mary Gertrude TINDALL</p> <p><i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial</i></p> <p><i>(Her brother Commander Noel S Tindall RN is also listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial WW1 – he is buried at the naval cemetery, Malta).</i></p>	<p>Nurse</p>	<p>Voluntary Aid Detachment in Exeter Military Hospital No 2.</p>	<p>Born 1880 – Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.</p> <p>Died 20 September 1917, at home, following an operation.</p>	<p>The Marino, Cotmaton Road.</p> <p>Daughter of John and Isabella Tindall</p>
<p>George J Guy VALLANCE</p> <p><i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorials.</i></p> <p><i>(His brother William R Vallance is also listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial. He died when HMS Cornwall was sunk south west of Ceylon on 5 April 1942).</i></p>	<p>Cadet</p>	<p>Royal Navy. Royal Naval College, Engineering.</p>	<p>Born 1900 – Sidmouth.</p> <p>Died 13 December 1918 of influenza, at Devonport</p>	<p>Avishayes, Temple Street.</p> <p>Son of George and Violet Vallance (owners of the brewery, Temple St)</p>

ROLL OF HONOUR – WORLD WAR 2

Burials Commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
Reginald Victor BROWN <i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial.</i>	Leading Aircraftman (Air Gunner)	RAF Voluntary Reserve. Died when his severely damaged Hawker Hector crashed in fog at Shakespeare Cliff, Dover, returning from a raid on German artillery positions at Calais.	Born 1915 – London. Died 27 May 1940	Sid Park Road. Son of Bigwood Henry Brown (a coastguard?) and Elizabeth Brown. Previously - a grocer's assistant at Trumps Stores.
Donald Charles CHANNING <i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial.</i>	Ordinary Seaman	Royal Navy. Died when HM Trawler <i>Ormonde</i> was sunk by German aircraft whilst mine sweeping off the east coast of Scotland. His grave was re-dedicated in 2012, with a new headstone.	Born 1921 – Sidmouth. Died 16 February 1941	Ham Cottages, York Street. Son of George and Ada Channing. Previously – a cabinet-maker's apprentice at Potburys, Sidmouth.
Arthur Albert HODGE <i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial. (His son Arthur Hodge of The Devonshire Regiment is also listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial. He is buried at the Imphal Cemetery, Manipur, India).</i>	Lance Bombardier	Royal Artillery. Died 'due to war operations' at Bassett Wood, Southampton.	Born 1892 – Kensington, London. Died 22 June 1941.	Arcot Park. Husband of Lottie Florence Hodge. Previously – Arthur served in France in WW1. He then worked for Sidmouth Council (road repairs) and was a popular amateur boxer locally in the 1920s. Coached at Sidmouth Boxing Club.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
<p>Wilfred John BROWN</p> <p><i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial.</i></p>	Private	<p>Royal Army Ordnance Corps.</p> <p>Died of accidental drowning at Fordwich, Kent.</p>	<p>Born 1902 - Westbury, Wiltshire.</p> <p>Died 12 July 1941</p>	<p>Arcot Park. (Childhood home – Market Street).</p> <p>Husband of Isabella Brown.</p>
<p>Francis Harry HILL</p> <p><i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial.</i></p>	Leading Steward	<p>Royal Navy. Served in WW1. Re-enlisted for WW2.</p> <p>Died at Hull Infirmary following an accidental fall onto the dockside from <i>HMS Eclipse</i>.</p>	<p>Born 1900 – London.</p> <p>Died on 20 January 1942</p>	<p>Manstone Avenue. (Childhood home – Holmdale).</p> <p>Husband of Alice Hill.</p>
Eric John TAUNTON	Aircraftman 1 st Class	RAF Volunteer Reserve.	<p>1922 – Wilton, Wiltshire.</p> <p>Died 9 November 1942.</p>	<p>Based at Salisbury. Visited Sidmouth to play in a football match. Died at his hotel.</p>
Giovanna BRUSA	Lance Corporal	Auxiliary Territorial Service, British Army (clerical duties)	<p>Born 1922 – London.</p> <p>Died 12 March 1946, of hypertension and kidney failure at West Byfleet railway station, Surrey.</p>	<p>n/k Daughter of Giuseppe and Dorothy (Scott) Brusa of West Byfleet, Surrey. (Her mother died in 1948 at Llandudno and is buried in the same plot.)</p>

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Sidney Cyril Samuel HOOPER <i>Listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial.</i>	Private	Army Catering Corps.	Born 1914 - Plymouth. Died 4 April 1946, at home, from TB.	Manstone Avenue. Husband of Una Hooper.
Milford Charles FREEMAN	Aircraftman 2 nd Class	RAF Volunteer Reserve.	Born 1928 – Battle, Sussex. Died 17 August 1946, Sidmouth.	Manstone Avenue. Son of Charles Roland and Elsie Ann Freeman.

SOME OTHER BURIALS WITH MILITARY OR NAVAL CONNECTIONS

In alphabetical order. The rank given is that held when serving.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
William ANDERSON	Sergeant	1 st Royal Dragoons.	1869 - 1892	Sidmouth Manor.
John Clarence BAILEY	n/k	South African Mounted Rifles.	1880 – 1934 Born South Stoneham, Hants.	Eaton Terrace, Temple Street. <i>(His son Edward A Bailey of 205 Squadron RAF is listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial. His Catalina aircraft was shot down over the Gulf of Siam on 7 December 1941, the 8 crew being the very first allied casualties in the war with Japan – this was hours before the attack on Pearl Harbour, 7,000 miles away).</i>
Reverend Vivian GREAVES BANHAM MC (and bar)	Captain (Chaplain)	Royal Army Chaplain’s Department. Attached to 291st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Served in France in WW1. Awarded the Military Cross for gallantry at the Battle of Epehy on 18 September 1918; and MC bar in fighting near St Quentin on 29 September. He tended the wounded and assisted them to the dressing station, under heavy shell fire, “showing utter disregard for personal safety.” <i><u>See Appendix 1 for fuller details.</u></i>	1881 – 1973 Born Eccleshall Bierlow, Sheffield.	Moorcourt Close.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
William Henry BARON	Ordinary Seaman	Royal Navy. Served on <i>HMS Firebrand</i> in Crimean War?	1835 – 1919 Born Weymouth.	Church Street.
Lawrence William Henry BARRATT	Flight Lieutenant?	RAF.	1902 – 1956 Born Sidmouth.	Primley Road.
Louis William Donatus BARRATT	n/k	Royal Navy. Served in WW1.	1887-1950 Born Dulwich, London.	Fry's Lane, Sidford.
Edwin John BASTIN	Leading Seaman	Royal Navy. Served WW1 – <i>HMS Ironside?</i> <i>HMS Ramillies?</i> <i>HMS Emperor of India.</i>	1890 – 1954 Born Sidmouth	May Terrace.
Ernest BEAVIS	Stoker	Royal Navy. Served WW1 - <i>HMS Cornwall.</i>	1900 – 1959 Born Sidmouth	n/k - died at Newton Abbot? Earlier - Sanders Row, Sidmouth.
Lionel Bernard Alexander BEECHER	Major	Royal Garrison Artillery. Served WW1, Belgium and France. Mons Star, 1914.	1887 – 1961 Born India.	Died at Salcombe Hill House Hotel.
John BELLAMY	n/k	Royal Marines Light Infantry.	1853 – 1930 Born Upexe.	Russell Street.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
Fred BESS	Private	2 nd Co/6 th Battalion The Devonshire Regiment. Served in WW1 - India? Mesopotamia in 1917?	1880 – 1955 Born Ottery St M.	Holmdale.
James Robert BLAKE	Chief Engine Room Artificer	Royal Navy from 1882 –1902. Served in Anglo-Egyptian War, including the bombardment of Alexandria. Re-enlisted for WW1 – <i>HMS Aurora</i> .	1862 – 1935 Born Plympton, Devon.	Salcombe Road.
Andrew Roby BLOXHAM	Flight Lieutenant.	RAF. Killed when his Harrier jump jet crashed at RAF Wildenwrath, Germany.	1946 – 1974 Born New Zealand?	Bickwell Valley. Son of Wing Commander John Roby Bloxham OBE DFC (d.2001).
George BOLT	Petty Officer 1 st Class	Royal Navy:- <i>HMS Warrior, HMS Hotspur, HMS Alexandra</i> .	1854 – 1922 Born East Budleigh	Victoria Cottages, Temple Street.
William Henry Potbury BOLT	Gunner	Royal Navy. <i>HMS Cambridge</i> .	1833 – 1905 Born Sidmouth.	Mill Street.
(John Shand) Douglas BOLTON	Lt-Colonel	British Indian Army (Bombay Staff Corps). Served on the Persian Expeditionary Force 1857, including the capture of the forts at Mohammerah. Served during the Indian Mutiny (1857/58) – around Kolapore. Last appointment in India was as cantonment magistrate in Poona.	1834 -1892 Born Templemore, Londonderry.	Fortfield Terrace.

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Ernest BROOM	Corporal	Royal Engineers Served in WW1. Egypt.	1890 – 1958 Born Sidmouth.	York Street.
William BROOM	Petty Officer	Royal Navy. Served in WW1.	1885 -1958 Born Ottery St M.	Manstone Avenue.
Leonard BROWN	Petty Officer	Royal Navy. Served in WW1 - <i>HMS Marigold</i>	1882 – 1952 Born Newton Popleford.	Chapel Street.
Benjamin BROWNING	Staff Surgeon	Royal Navy.	1836 – 1919 Born Alverstoke, Hampshire.	Bickwell Valley.
George DANSEY BROWING CBE (son of B Browning, above)	Colonel	Royal Army Medical Corps. Served in India, China and Egypt. Then served in WW1 – Gibraltar. Later, a director of Enham Village, Hampshire (community for disabled ex-service personnel).	1870 – 1941 Born Littlebourne, Kent.	Bickwell Valley.
William Percy BUCKLEY DSO	Brigadier	Duke of Cornwall’s Light Infantry. Served in WW1. Awarded the DSO for “great gallantry” at Beau Puits, France, 18 October 1914. Later, wounded. Mentioned in Dispatches.	1887 – 1968 Born South Stoneham, Hampshire.	West Hill, Ottery St Mary.

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Arthur Maxwell Mitchell CAMPBELL	Major	Royal Scots Fusiliers. Served in WW1. France.	1874 – 1941 Born Kensington.	Died at the Torbay Hotel, Sidmouth.
Francis CANNAN (previously Cannon)	Major	London Rifle Brigade, Royal Fusiliers. Served in WW1.	1871 – 1947 Born Middlesex.	All Saints Road. Died at Lusways Nursing Home.
William Edmund CARNELL (Edmund W Carnell).	Gunner	Royal Artillery. Served at Madras, India.	1872 – 1904 Born Sidmouth.	Rothsay Cottages, Sid Road. <i>(His brother Frank Carnell of the Cheshire Regiment is listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial – WW1. He is buried at the Brandhoek Cemetery, Belgium.)</i>
Edward Elliott CARR CB CBE	Lt-Colonel	Royal Scots Fusiliers. Served North West Frontier 1897–98. Tirah Expedition 1898 (to regain the Kyber Pass). Boer War – wounded at the Battle of Pieter’s Hill (prior to the relief of Ladysmith). Served in Lowland Division in WW1 – France. Mentioned in Dispatches 1917.	1854 – 1926 Born Madras, India.	Seafield Road.
Featherstone HARGRAVE- CARROLL (Born H. C. Featherstone)	Captain	Devonshire Regiment. Served WW1 in British Indian Army.	1886 – 1950 Born Whitchurch, Devon.	Station Road.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
Harry CARTER	Sergeant	Royal Horse Artillery.	1858 – 1883 Born Sidmouth.	Amyatt's Terrace.
Walter CAVE	Lt-Colonel	Royal Irish Fusiliers. Previously in the British Indian Army.	1843 – 1932 Born at St Maughan's, Monmouthshire.	Died at the Royal Glen Hotel.
Ernest CHANNING <i>(Two of his brothers are listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial – WW1:- <u>Richard Channing</u> - buried at Sidmouth cemetery (see page 4); <u>George Channing</u> of the Devonshire Regiment - buried at Carnoy Cemetery, Somme, France).</i>	n/k	Royal Navy (15 years). Served in WW1.	1887 – 1919 Born Woodhay, Kingsclere, Hants. Died in a road accident at Sidford Cross	Church Street, Sidford. Son of Richard and Mary Channing of Holmdale. Husband of Ethel Channing.
George Wynne COLE (brother of RA Cole, below)	Major General	British Indian Army (Madras Infantry).	1837 – 1908 Born India.	See below.

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Robert Andrews COLE <i>(His son Humphrey Porteous Cole of the Devonshire Regiment is listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial – WW1. He is buried at the Corbie Cemetery, Somme, France.)</i>	Major General	British Indian army (Madras Staff Corps). (In 1867, whilst a captain, he wrote the first book on grammar of the Dravidian Kodagu language).	1836 -1907 Born India	Manor Road.
John COLLIER	Chief Petty Officer	Royal Navy. <i>HMS Caesar, HMS Nile, HMS Spartan.</i> Re-enlisted with RNVR for WW1 – <i>HMS Columbine, HMS Sabrina.</i>	1872 – 1929 Born Sidmouth.	Holmdale. <i>(His son Ernest John Collier of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment is listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial-WW1. He is buried at the Ramillies Cemetery, near Cambrai, France.)</i>
John Austin Lionel CONANT	Private	Devonshire Regiment. Served in WW1. India? Then Mesopotamia? Later fought on the North West frontier of India - awarded the India General Service Medal with the NWF Afghanistan clasp 1919.	1889 – 1949 Born Sidmouth	Childhood – Bedford Square. Later – Lawn Vista.
Francis Edwin CORNISH	Private	Devonshire Regiment. Army Labour Corps.	1871 – 1953 Born Sidmouth.	Abett Place, Church lane.
Edward COULTHART	Captain	Merchant Navy. Served in WW1 and WW2.	1893 – 1954 Born Glasgow.	Coburg Rd.

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William Albert CRITCHLEY	Chief Engine Room Artificer	Royal Navy. Served in WW1 - <i>HMS Diligence</i> .	1887 – 1955 Born Sidmouth	Sidford Road.
Alexander Theodore CROUCHER	Lieutenant	Royal Flying Corps. Served in WW1.	1898 - 1963 Born at Eastbourne.	Moor Lane, Budleigh Salterton.
Frederick CUDDON	Private	Royal Army Service Corps. Served in WW1 – Mesopotamia.	1882 – 1960 Born Honiton.	Livonia Road.
Robert Henry DICK-CUNYNGHAM	Captain	21 st (Empress of India's) lancers. Also the 1 st Scottish Horse – special operations. Served in Boer War. Mentioned in Dispatches. ADC to the Governor of Madras – 1903/04.	1875 – 1913 Born Prestonfield, Midlothian, Scotland.	Bickwell Valley. (His wife Beatrice Eleanor Lousada probably had family links to Sidmouth).
Montagu Creighton CURRY CB CBE DSO	Brigadier General	Devonshire Regiment. Served on the NW Frontier of India 1897-98, including the Tirah Expedition. Also served in the Second Boer War between 1899 and 1901, including the battles at Elandslaagte, Rietfontein and Lombard's Kop. Mentioned in Dispatches. Re-enlisted for WW1.	1856 – 1931 Born Barnstable.	Lived at Torwood, Torquay. (His wife Amy Mary (d 1942) is buried in the next grave. She was a niece of Elizabeth Barratt Browning and lived at Arcot House, Sidmouth, before marriage.)

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William Nicholas DARNELL	Major	York and Lancaster Regiment. (Later – HM Inspector of Prisons).	1845 – 1924 Born Durham.	Sidbury.
Charles John DENNYS (Son of J B Dennys, below)	Lt-Colonel	Gurkha Rifles.	1862 – 1928 Born in India.	Fortfield Terrace. Died at Sunnycote
Julius Bentall DENNYS	Major-General	British Indian Army (Bengal Staff Corps). Served:- 1 st Afghan War (1841/42); Indian Mutiny (1857/58).	1822 – 1907 Born London.	Manor Road.
Herbert John DESPARD CBE	Captain	Royal Scots Fusiliers. Fought in First Boer War (1880/81). (later – Chief Constable of Lanarkshire).	1860 – 1937 Born Kensington.	Lived in Colerne, Wiltshire. Previously - Fortfield Terrace.
Lewis Ralph Ebdon DOWNE	n/k	Royal Air Force Died in hospital at RAF Halton, Bucks.	1905 – 1923 Born Sidmouth.	Esplanade.
Digby Griffith Willoughby DAVIES	Captain	Royal Field Artillery. Served in WW1 – France.	1882 – 1959 Born London.	Sid Road.

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<p>Sir John Hart DUNNE KCB</p> <p>Order of Medjidie (1st Class) <i>Conferred by the Sultan of Turkey</i></p>	<p>General</p>	<p>Royal Scots Fusiliers. Served in Crimean War 1854-56 - battles of Alma, Balaclava and Inkerman, and Sebastopol. Then served in India. Then China (1860), including the battle for the Taku Forts and the surrender of Peking. Later, Lt of the Tower of London Then C/O of The Wiltshire Regiment.</p> <p>He was instrumental in introducing the Pekingese dog into Britain. During an extremely unpleasant and regrettable sequence of events British Officers took 5 from the Summer Palace in Peking and Captain J Dunne presented one to Queen Victoria - she named it 'Looty'. He published his notes in a book in 1861 - 'From Calcutta to Peking.'</p>	<p>1835 – 1924</p> <p>Born County Leitrim, Ireland.</p>	<p>Fortfield Terrace.</p> <p>Died at Slade Farm.</p>
<p>Sidney William DUSTAN</p>	<p>Private</p> <p>n/k</p>	<p>4th Battalion, Devonshire Regiment. Served in WW1. Royal Air Force – 1918/20.</p>	<p>1872 – 1951</p> <p>Born Ottery St Mary.</p>	<p>Alexandria Road.</p>
<p>Henry Strachan ELTON</p>	<p>Major-General</p>	<p>Commanding Officer 76th Punjabis. Served on the Burmese Expedition 1886-88. Mentioned in Dispatches.</p> <p>(An accomplished artist – watercolours - throughout his military career and later).</p>	<p>1841 – 1934</p> <p>Born Whitestaunton, Somerset.</p>	<p>Laskeys Lane Previously at Cotmaton Hall.</p>

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Dawson Kelly EVANS	Colonel (retired with honorary rank of Major General)	Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Served with the 6 th Regiment of Foot on the North West Frontier during the Indian Mutiny, 1857/58.	1839 -1889 Born Armagh.	Sid Road, Sidmouth.
Sir Edward EVANS KBE CB CMG DSO Order of the Nile (3 rd Class) <i>Conferred by the Sultan of Egypt</i>	Major-General	Wiltshire Regiment. Served in Boer War. Severely wounded. Mentioned in Dispatches. DSO 1901. Served in WW1:- - Mediterranean Expeditionary Force (1914/15). - Egyptian Expeditionary Force (1915/7) ADC to The King – 1918.	1872 – 1949 Born Gosport, Hampshire.	Laskeys Lane.
Horatio Alfred EVANS	Sapper	Royal Engineers. Served in WW1.	1890 – 1968 Born Sidmouth.	Childhood – Manor Cottages. Later - Lymebourne Avenue.
William Ralph FIELD	Pioneer	Royal Engineers. Served in WW1 - France. Invalided home from Rouen, 1915.	1883 – 1940 Born Sidmouth.	Connaught Road. Son of John Field of Field's Department Store.
Harold Arthur FINCH	Private	Army Labour Corps. Served in WW1 – India and South Africa.	1885 – 1958 Born Sidmouth.	Millford Road.

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William John FINNIMORE	Private Corporal	Devonshire Regiment. Fought in the 2 nd Boer War (1899–1902), including the Battle of Tugela Heights. Re-enlisted in the Labour Corps in WW1. France.	1876 – 1946 Born Pinhoe, Exeter.	Highfield.
George Henry FORSTER	Staff Commander	Royal Navy	1819 – 1888 Born Stoke Damerel, Devon.	Beatlands Road.
James Campbell GARDNER	Lt-Colonel	3 rd Battalion, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Served in WW1.	1870 – 1942 Born Portsea, Hants	The Myrtles. Amyatts Terrace. Fry's Lane.
Benjamin GIGG	n/k	Royal 1 st Devonshire Yeoman Cavalry.	1866 – 1903 Born Sidmouth.	Coburg Road.
Charles Whitney GILLARD	Major	Army veterinary surgeon. Served:- - 2 nd Afghan War (1878/80). - Sudan Campaign (1898) - 2 nd Boer War (1899/02).	1850 – 1905 Born Stafford.	Arcot Road.
Ernest George GOSLING	n/k	Royal Navy. RNVR in WW1 – <i>HMS Warspite, HMS Leviathan.</i>	1884 – 1930 Born Salcombe Regis.	Peak Hill Cottages.

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<p>Charles James William GRANT VC</p> <p><i>(The only holder of the Victoria Cross buried in East Devon)</i></p>	Colonel (Brevet)	<p>British Indian Army, Madras Staff Corps. Awarded the Victoria Cross:-</p> <p><i>“For conspicuous bravery and devotion to his country displayed by him in having, upon hearing on 27 March, 1891, of the disaster at Manipur, at once volunteered to attempt the relief of the British Captives, with 80 [Gurkha and Punjabi] soldiers, and having advanced with the greatest intrepidity, captured Thobal, near [Imphal], and held it against a large force of the enemy. Lieutenant Grant inspired his men with equal heroism, by an ever-present example of personal daring and resource.”</i></p> <p>Citation from the London Gazette.</p> <p>Re-enlisted for WW1 with the 3rd Royal Scots. <i>See Appendix 2 for fuller details.</i></p>	1861 – 1932 Born Bourtie, Aberdeenshire.	<p>Colonel Grant and his wife Mary built and lived at Western Field, Manor Road.</p> <p>Mary Grant died there in 1959 and is buried in the same grave as her husband.</p>
Edward James GRANT CB	Lt-Colonel	<p>Royal Scots Regiment. Served in the Egyptian Expedition 1888, including the Battle of Tel-el-Kebir. Served in Boer War 1899/02 – Mentioned in Dispatches.</p>	1854 – 1928 Born Durham.	Esplanade.
Henry Stannus HAMILTON	Major	<p>20th Regiment of Foot / Lancashire Fusiliers. Served in WW1 - Recruiting Officer (Leicester)</p>	1862 – 1931 Born Dublin	All Saints Road.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
William James HARRIS	Able Seaman.	Royal Navy from 1900–1912. Served on the RN China Station on board <i>HMS Mohawk</i> , <i>HMS Terrible</i> and <i>HMS Undaunted</i> . Including during the Boxer Rebellion (1900). Then served with RN in the 2 nd Boer War. Re-enlisted for WW1 as Petty Officer – <i>HMS Challenger</i> .	1881 – 1947 Born Sidmouth.	Holmdale. Coast Guard Chief Officer during WW2.
Henry Travers HART CBE	Lt Colonel	Royal Garrison Artillery. Served in India: 1893-1900. Served in WW1 – France.	1873 – 1948 Born Bombay.	Sid Road.
Walter George HART	n/k	Royal Flying Corps / Royal Air Force. Served in WW1.	1901 – 1955 Born East Budleigh.	Lawn Vista. Then Peaslands Road.
Patrick William S HAYNES	n/k	Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Monmouthshire Regiment. Served in WW1 – Royal Defence Corps and Royal Service Corps.	1872 – 1955 Born Marylebone, London.	Chapel Street
Charles Thomas HELLIER	Gunner	Royal Field Artillery. Served in WW1.	1879 – 1941 Born Exeter.	The Horse and Groom Inn, Russell St.

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William HELY-BOWES CB CMG	Brigadier General	Royal Scots Fusiliers. Served in India, including the North East Frontier (1885/87) and North West Frontier (1897/98). Served in WW1 – France in 1914.	1858 – 1932 Born in France.	Died at Fortfield Hotel.
James Raymond Bathurst HERRON	Captain	South Staffordshire Regiment. Served WW1 – suffered in gas attack at Bourn Wood in the Battle of Cambrai, 1917. Also served in WW2.	1887 – 1961 Born Southwark, London.	Littlecourt Hotel. (Died at The Beeches Nursing Home, Winslade Road).
Edward William HICKS	Major	Bengal Infantry.	1817 - 1884 Born Cheltenham.	The Marino. Agent for the Lord of the Manor.
Vernon Grove HORTON MBE	Captain	1 st Life Guards.	1873 – 1935 Born Wolverhampton.	Peaslands Road. Manager at Sidmouth Manor Estate.
Ernest George HUCKER	Petty Officer	Royal Navy. Served in WW1 – <i>HMS Lavender, HMS Berwick.</i>	1886 – 1937 Born Sidmouth.	Fore Street.

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Corrie HUDSON CB CIE DSO	Major-General	<p>Indian Medical Service, 2nd Rajputs. Served in:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - India. - China (1900/02) - Somaliland Field Force (1903/04) - Balkan War (1912/13) –Red Cross. - Persia and Arabia (1913). <p>Served in France in WW1 with Indian Cavalry Division (1914/16) – Mons Star - and 11th King Edward’s Own Lancers (1916/17). Mentioned in Dispatches.</p> <p>Served in campaigns on the North West Frontier 1918–1923 (Waziristan Field Force, Wana Column and Razmac Field Force).</p> <p>Honorary Surgeon to The King: 1928–1932.</p>	1874 – 1958 Born Clifton, Bristol.	Knowle Drive Died at Lusways Nursing Home.
Henry Phillips HUGHES DSC	Lt Commander	Royal Navy (Submariner). Served in WW1.	1884 – 1959 Born Elham, Kent.	Hillside Road.
Christian Bernard HUNTER	Lt-Colonel	Indian Medical Service, Bengal.	1851 – 1929 Born Derbyshire. Died Wiltshire.	In a family grave. Previously lived at Brooklet Villas, Sid Road.
Peter Orlando HUTCHINSON	2 nd Lieutenant	2 nd Company, Devon Volunteer Artillery. His Commission was announced in the London Gazette on 6 December 1859.	1810 – 1897 Born Winchester.	4 Coburg Terrace. The Old Chancel. (Sidmouth historian - 5 volumes. Watercolourist. Diarist.)

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
George Edward Lincoln JARVIS	Chief Petty Officer	Royal Navy <i>HMS Calypso</i> – Newfoundland Naval Reserve. Also served on WW1 convoys.	1877 - 1935	Lawn Vista.
Robert Gedoin JENKINS	Colonel	British Indian Army (Madras Staff Corps).	1835 – 1911 Born Sidmouth.	Childhood – Sidmouth. Died at Teignmouth.
Peter Randall JOHNSON	Major	Devonshire Regiment – in WW1. Served in Mesopotamia. (A prominent cricketer both before and after WW1. Played variously for Eton, Cambridge, Devon and Somerset. And the army. Captained MCC against Australia, 1921.)	1880 – 1959 Born Wellington, New Zealand.	The Bedford Hotel. Lived Clyst St Mary?
Ralph de Veil KING	Captain	32 nd Sikh Pioneers. Royal Army Medical Corps. Served in WW1 – Mesopotamia.	1881 – 1948 Born Madras, India.	Moorcourt Close.
William (Henry Cloke) LEE	Stoker Petty Officer.	Royal Navy Served in WW1– <i>HMS Carnarvon</i> , <i>HMS Temeraire</i> .	1892 – 1950 Born Exmouth.	Church House, Sidmouth – caretaker.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
Abraham Hamilton LINDESAY	Lieutenant	Royal Navy. <i>HMS Cherub</i> (gunboat). Previously served on <i>HMS Orontes</i> (troopship) – awarded the Egypt Medal. Earlier, when serving on the gunboat <i>HMS Midge</i> in 1873, he was “dangerously wounded” in a clash with pirate boats on the Larut River, Penang. He was “specially promoted for his gallantry and wounds.”	1852 – 1888 Born Londonderry. Died from meningitis at Royal Naval Hospital, Portland.	Related to the vicar of Sidmouth, Rev Henry Clements. His coffin arrived by train.
Charles James LONG	Lt-Colonel	Royal Artillery. Fought at Battle of Omdurman 1898 in the Sudan War (a British victory) and the Battle of Colenso 1899, in the Boer War (a humiliating defeat). Charles Long’s two gun batteries were silenced by Boer sharp-shooters. Many gunners killed. He was seriously wounded.	1849 – 1933 Born Owlesbury, Hampshire.	Elysian Fields.
Donald Campbell MacLACHLAN	2 nd Lieutenant	Royal Flying Corps (in World War 1).	1894 – 1944 Born Glasgow.	Coburg Terrace.
Charles Alexander Hugh MacLEAN <i>of Pennycross</i> . DSO, Legion of Honour	Brigadier-General	Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Served in South Africa. Served in WW1 – Gallipoli. Palestine. (Later - Chieftain of Clan MacLean Association. Publisher of songs and bagpipe music.)	1874 – 1947 Born Carsaig, Isle of Mull, Scotland.	Winslade Road.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
Edward MAJOR	Sergeant Major	11 th Hussars (Prince Albert's Own).	1857 – 1898 Born Honiton.	Colaton Terrace, Cotmaton Road. Childhood at Anchor Yard.
Albert Edward MANLEY (brother of Francis J Manley, below)	Leading Seaman	Royal Navy. Served in WW1 – <i>HMS Tiger, HMS Drake.</i>	1879 – 1934 Born Sidmouth.	Lawn Vista. Previously Glenisla Terrace.
Francis James MANLEY	Stoker Petty Officer	Royal Navy. Served in WW1: – <i>HMS Adventure, HMS London.</i>	1884 – 1940 Born Sidmouth.	Olive Cottages, Newtown.
Frank Huxtable MARTIN	Able Seaman	Royal Navy. Served in WW1– <i>HMS Canopus, HMS Theseus.</i>	1881 – 1956 Born Offwell	Amyatts Terrace.
John MacDonald McCARTHY	Colonel	Royal Army Medical Corps. Served in WW1 - France.	1873 – 1948 Born Richmond, Surrey.	Died at The Torbay Hotel, Sidmouth. Lived at Torquay.
Arthur McDONALD	Warrant Officer	British Indian Army (Ordnance). Served throughout the Indian Mutiny – 1857/58	1838 – 1907 Born Ireland.	Cumberland Villas, Temple Street.
Charles McNEILE	Colonel	Bengal Staff Corps.	1841 – 1925 Born Co Antrim.	Salcombe Hill Road.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
Arthur Alured MELLIN DSO (1916 and bar 1917)	Commander	Royal Navy (submariner). Served in WW1. Awarded the DSO:- <i>“In recognition of the skill and determination which he showed in making a successful submarine attack on an enemy light cruiser.”</i> London Gazette 29 December 1916. Awarded the bar to his DSO 23 March 1917 for “acts of gallantry.” Mentioned in Dispatches 1918.	1870 – 1948 Born Whitefield, Lancashire.	Same grave as his mother, who lived at Ladymead.
Thomas MILLES	Major-General	Gordon Highlanders. Served with 75 th (Sterlingshire) Regiment in the Indian Mutiny, including the relief of Lucknow, 1857. Also served in South Africa (1873).	1817 - 1903 Born Yeovil, Somerset.	Manor Road.
William Bean MOIR	Lt-Colonel	18 th Hussars. Then Prince of Wales Leinster Regt. Then Gordon Highlanders. Served in WW1 with the Durham Light Infantry - in France.	1861 – 1923 Born Umballa, Bengal, India.	Coburg Terrace Died at Balgownie, Sidmouth.
Abel Edgar MORRALL	Lt-Colonel	South Wales Borderers. Re-enlisted for WW1. (He was the last Chairman in a dynasty of needle manufacturers and inventors founded in 1785).	1861 – 1943 Born Alcester, Warwickshire.	Clifton Cottages, Peak Hill Road. His former home at Spicer Road, Exeter, was blitzed in 1942 – two civilians killed).

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Alfred John MOUNTSTEPHEN	Telegraphist	Royal Naval Voluntary Reserve. Served in WW1.	1887 – 1958 Born Torquay.	Moorcourt Close. Sidmouth Gunsmith and Jeweller.
William NEWBURY	n/k	Royal Navy. <i>HMS Jason, HMS Indus, HMS Achilles.</i>	1836 – 1901 Born Sidmouth.	Old Fore Street.
Reginald Lewis NORRINGTON CMG	Lt-Colonel	Border Regiment (7 th Service Battalion). Served in WW1. France. Belgium. Mentioned in Dispatches.	1886 – 1960 Born Plymouth.	Manor Road.
Eugene Francis O'LEARY	Brigade Surgeon	Royal Army Medical Corps/Royal Artillery Served in India – 1860s Malta Garrison /Egypt Expedition (1882).	1835 – 1916 Born County Cork, Ireland.	All Saints Road.
Arthur de Vere WILLOUGHBY-OSBORNE CIE	Lt-Colonel	South Lancashire Regiment Served in India for whole of WW1. North West Frontier 1917/18, including Baluchistan campaign. Mentioned in Dispatches. 3 rd Afghan War 1919. Mentioned in Dispatches.	1869 – 1934 Born Richmond, Surrey.	Coburg Terrace.

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Edmund Ludlow PERRY DSO (son of George Perry, below).	Colonel	Indian Medical Service. NW Frontier 1897/98 (Mentioned in Dispatches). Served in Waziristan 1901/02. Then served in WW1:- - Mesopotamia 1915/17 (Mentioned in Dispatches). - north Persia 1918. Served in Afghanistan – 1919. Honorary Surgeon to The King: 1925–1927.	1872 – 1957 Born London.	The Redlands Hotel at time of death. Previously lived at Boughmore Lane.
George PERRY	Brigade Surgeon	Coldstream Guards. Earlier, he served 1855 with the Scots Fusilier Guards in Crimean War. Mentioned in despatches at Sebastopol. Later - Malta Garrison. Served in Egypt 1882.	1833 – 1912 Born Bishops Stortford, Herts	Fortfield Place.
Charles Reginald PHILLIPPS	Lt-Colonel	British Indian Army. Served in 2 nd Afghan War, including the Battle of Kandahar 1880. Re-enlisted for WW1 - Middlesex Regiment.	1858 – 1934 Born Bombay.	Vicarage Road.
Fred (Arthur) PINNEY	Able Seaman	Royal Navy. Served 1900–1912, including <i>HMS Magnificent</i> and <i>HMS Challenger</i> . Then RNVR.	1882 – 1924 Born Talaton.	Address n/k.

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Ronald John PINNEY	Private	Machine Gun Corps. Served in WW1. France. Belgium.	1895 – 1952 Born – Sidmouth.	Childhood at Russell Street. Then Sid Park Road.
Thomas PINNEY (brother of Fred Arthur Pinney, above)	Private Sapper	Devonshire Regiment – in WW1. Royal Engineers – in WW1. Served in India and Egypt.	1887 – 1953 Born Talaton.	Victoria Cottages, Temple Street.
Thomas Henry PINNEY <i>(His brother Frederick James Pinney of the South Wales Borderers is listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial; and on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme Battlefields).</i>	Private Sapper	Devonshire Regiment Royal Engineers. Served in WW1.	1878 – 1946 Born Sidmouth.	Riverside Terrace. Then Barrington Mead.
The Honourable John PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE	Lt-Colonel	17 th Lancers. Served in South Africa for Zulu War, 1879, including the decisive battle at Ulundi. Regiment then based in India for the 1880s (first Mhow, then Lucknow).	1846 – 1925 Born Longford Castle, Wiltshire.	Blackmore Hall. (His widow Grace Harriet Pleydell-Bouverie sold Blackmore Hall and Gardens to Sidmouth Urban District Council in 1952.)

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William Joseph POLYBLANK OBE	Lt-Colonel	An electrical engineer. Specialist in wireless technologies. Served WW1 - Royal Naval Voluntary Reserve. Then Royal Navy Air Service. Then RAF. British War Mission to the USA – 1918/19. Later - Principal Technical Officer, Air Ministry.	1874 – 1938 Born London.	In a joint grave with his parents, who lived at Station Road, Sidmouth.
Henry George PURCHASE	Chief Petty Officer	Royal Navy. Served in WW1:- <i>HMS Alert, HMS Hercules, HMS Dalhousie.</i>	1883 – 1940 Born County Wexford, Ireland.	Knapp Cottages, Sidmouth. (His father Chief Petty Officer William Slade Purchase was born in Sidmouth).
Richard Slade PURCHASE (brother of H G Purchase, above).	Petty Officer.	Royal Navy. Served in WW1? <i>HMS Thunderer.</i>	1884 – 1959 Born County Wexford, Ireland.	Manstone Avenue.
Eric Gordon ROBERTSON	Captain?	Merchant Navy. Served in WW1 as 2 nd Lieutenant in RN Reserve.	1896 – 1952 Born Galle, Ceylon.	n/k
James John RUSSELL	n/k	Royal Navy. <i>HMS Cambridge, HMS Black Prince.</i>	1840 – 1920 Born Sidmouth.	Florence Villas, Temple Street. Previously Salcombe Hill Farm.
Charles SCRIMGEOUR	Colour Sergeant.	Royal Marines Light Infantry.	1851 – 1927 Born at Abroath.	Peaslands Road.

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Arthur George SEWARD	Driver	Royal Army Service Corps. Served in WW1. France.	1882 – 1934 Born Sidmouth.	Radway Place.
Charles Edward SHOREY	Chief Engineer	Royal Navy. <i>HMS Agincourt, HMS Polyphemus, HMS Psyche, HMS Medea.</i>	1862 – 1946 Born New Brompton, Kent.	Ice House Lane
Ernest Edwin SILK CBE	Rear Admiral	Royal Navy <i>HMS Alexandra</i> – involved in action off Turkey, Egypt and Sudan. <i>HMS Orlando</i> – on the RN’s China Station during the Boxer Rebellion (1900). Battle of the Taku Forts. Defence of Tientsin.	1862 – 1940 Born Ford, Devon.	Seaford Road.
James Tracey SIMPSON MD	Major	Royal Army Medical Corps. Served in Boer War.	1861 – 1908 Born Leeds.	Winslade Road.
Frank SLADE	Major	British Indian Army.	1863 - 1930	Millford Avenue.
Charles Hidebrand SLESSOR	Lieutenant	50 th (Queen’s Own) Regiment of Foot.	1827 – 1902 Born Sidmouth. Died at Exeter.	Born at <i>Broadway</i> house (the site later to become Sidmouth Manor). Son of General John Slessor – 35 th Regt. of Foot - (d.1850), who served at Waterloo.

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George Samuel SMITH	Captain	Merchant Navy.	1843 – 1913 Born Exmouth.	Yoruba Villas, Temple Street.
Herbert Holden SMITH	Lt Commander	Royal Navy. Served in WW1. (Ordained as priest after the war?)	1889 – 1938 Born Melbourne, Australia.	Convent Road.
Walter Henry SOLOMAN DSM	Petty Officer	Royal Navy Served WW1 - <i>HMS Magnificent?</i> <i>HMS Nicator?</i> Died at the Royal Naval Hospital, Devonport.	1882 – 1922 Born Sidmouth.	Salcombe Hill View.
William STANFORD	Major	Royal Field Artillery. Served in WW1 – France. Then attached to the cartographic section of the Royal Engineers.	1871 – 1931 Born London.	Cleft House, Peaslands Road “and the club,” Sidmouth. (His father Edward Stanford of Stanford’s map store in Covent Garden retired with his family to Helens, Sidmouth, in the 1880s.)
Arnold Unwin STRUTT	Lance Corporal	Duke of Wellington’s (West Riding) Regiment. Served in WW1. France. Wounded 1916.	1884 – 1943 Born Colombo, Ceylon.	Sidford.

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Charles Graham SWANN MC	Lieutenant (Chaplain)	Royal Army Chaplains' Department. Served in France in WW1. Awarded the Military Cross:- <i>"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire. His fearlessness and devotion in bringing in and attending the wounded under intense shell fire were magnificent. He dug out men who had been buried, and was thus the means of saving many lives, and throughout the day his utter disregard for personal safety deserved the highest praise."</i> Citation from the London Gazette, 9 January 1918.	1878 – 1944 Born Leicester	The Meadway.
Henry Havelock TAYLOR	Sergeant	B Company, 3 rd Battalion, Devonshire Regiment.	1857 – 1894 Born North Tawton, Devon.	Russell Street.
Francis John TIDY	Lt-Colonel	East Lancashire Regiment. Then the Leinster Regiment.	1846 – 1929 Born Malta.	Fortfield Terrace.

NAME	RANK	SERVICE DETAILS	BORN / DIED	LOCAL ADDRESS / LINK
Charles Jean Fabre TONNERRE	Surgeon	French Navy. (Served on French corvette <i>Le Rhin</i> in the southern oceans. Became an expert on Polynesian languages. Married an English wife and became public health officer for Calcutta. A pioneer in homeopathic medicine).	1819 - 1884	Elysian Fields.
Sydney Charles TUCKER	Captain	Royal Fusiliers. Served in WW1. France.	1886 – 1935 Born Barnstaple?	n/k
Alexander VAUGHN-PAYNE CMG Legion of Honour Officer of the Order of St Maurice and St Lazarus <i>Conferred by the King of Italy.</i> Order of the White Eagle <i>Conferred by the King of Serbia.</i>	Lt-Colonel	Commissioned into the 99 th Regiment, served later in the 2 nd Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment Served in the Zulu War, 1879, including the battle at Fort Ekowe. Then stationed at Bermuda. Then India. Then the Boer War in 1901/02. Served throughout WW1 – Army General Staff. Mentioned in Dispatches three times.	1857 – 1943 Born Dawlish.	Manor Road. (He was Lord of the Manor at Musbury)
James Mill WALKER	Major	Eastern Regiment of Suffolk Militia Artillery Corps	1823 – 1890 Born Scotland.	Radway.

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<p>Charles St Aubyn WAKE CMG</p> <p><i>(His brother Major Hugh St Aubyn Wake MVO of the Gurkha Regiment is listed on the Sidmouth War Memorial. He was killed in France in October 1914 and is buried at the Terlincthun Cemetery, Boulogne.)</i></p>	Major	<p>Enlisted with the Dorsetshire Regiment – served Malta and Egypt 1885-92, including Nile Relief Expedition 1885 (the relief of Khartoum, Sudan). Then served in the Zanzibar Protectorate Force 1893-95. Lost a leg in a battle at Witu.</p> <p>Then Vice Consul East Africa 1895-97. Then joined the East African Rifles and served on the Uganda Campaign 1897–98. Mentioned in Dispatches.</p> <p>Joined the 3rd Battalion Devonshire Regiment. Served in WW1 with the Suffolk Regiment. Italy.</p>	<p>1861 – 1938 Born Stoke Damerel.</p>	<p>Cambridge Terrace, Salcombe Road.</p> <p>Son of Rear Admiral Charles St Aubyn Wake and his wife Emma, of Helens, Sidmouth.</p>
<p>John Gustavius Russell WALSH OBE</p>	Lt-Colonel	<p>Royal Berkshire Regiment. Served:- - Burma and India; - South Africa throughout the Boer War.</p> <p>Served in WW1. Belgium. France. Seriously wounded. Mons Star (1914).</p>	<p>1865 – 1944 Born Dublin.</p>	<p>n/k. His sister (d.1942) lived at The Esplanade – possibly that was his connection to Sidmouth?</p>
<p>Sir Pelham Laird WARREN KCMG</p>	Consul General	<p>Diplomatic Service.</p> <p>In Shanghai during the Boxer Rebellion (1899–1901), when foreign delegations were targeted. He successfully deterred attacks and saved lives through a mixture of diplomacy and the implied threat of full-scale British military intervention.</p>	<p>1845 – 1923 Born Stoke Damerel, Devon. Died Sidmouth.</p>	<p>Bickwell Valley.</p>

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Robert Sidney WATERS OBE	Major	40 th Pathans, British Indian Army (later, the 14 th Punjab Regiment). (Wrote a regimental history – 1936). Served in the Boer War. Then Tibet Expedition (by Indian Army) 1903/04. Served in WW1 – France and India?	1878 – 1955 Born London. Died at Putney.	Buried with his wife in Sidmouth Cemetery – she died at Westcliff hotel in 1953.
Robert WHITE	n/k	Royal Navy. Served in WW1:- <i>HMS Cumberland, HMS New Zealand.</i>	1883–1952 Born Ottery St Mary.	Pathwhorlands
Andrew Edward WHITECROSS	n/k	Royal Flying Corps/Royal Air Force Served in WW1. Re-enlisted with RAFR in 1939.	1883 – 1947 Born Falmouth.	Russell Street. Then Manstone Avenue.
James Buckley Aquilla WIGMORE	Brigadier	Royal Army Medical Corps. Served in WW1. France. And Belgium? Also served WW2 – including India and Burma.	1887 – 1962 Born Twerton, Somerset.	Elysian Fields, Sidmouth
John Valentine WILLIAMS	Captain	Merchant Navy. Served Royal Naval Reserve in WW1 (1917/18). Served MN in WW2.	1888 – 1951 Born Sidmouth.	n/k. No evidence that he was related to Silvester Williams, below?
Silvester WILLIAMS	Captain	Merchant Navy. Served in WW1.	1889 – 1952 Born Salford.	Connaught Road.

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Neville Frederick Jarvis WILSON CMG CBE	Captain	Merchant Navy. Served in WW1. Director of the Royal Indian Marine, 1917–20 (the naval force of British India).	1865 – 1947 Born Bath, Somerset.	Riviera Hotel. Died at Lusways Nursing Home.
Thomas P. WOOLLEY (Percy Thomas Woolley)	n/k	Royal Navy Reserve.	1876 – 1953 Born Sidmouth.	Cecil Terrace, Riverside. Sidmouth fisherman.
William Thomas WOOLLEY	Petty Officer.	Royal Navy Served in WW1 – <i>HMS Orion</i> .	1887 – 1953 Born Sidmouth.	Bedford Square, Western Town. Sidmouth fisherman.

APPENDIX 1

REVEREND VIVIAN GREAVES BANHAM MC (and bar)

Vivian Greaves Banham was born in Sheffield in 1881. He was ordained in 1906 and served first at parishes in Surrey. He joined the Royal Army Chaplain's Department in 1917 as a Captain and supported troops at the frontline during intense fighting. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1918 for his actions during the Battle of Epehy in France:-

“On September 18th, 1918, near Epehy, the battery he was living with was being severely shelled in enfilade and considerable casualties inflicted. He organised a party of stretcher bearers and with greatest coolness dressed the wounded and took them to the nearest dressing station. He returned to the battery and remained at the guns, cheering everyone by his example and word.”

Citation from the London Gazette 30 July 1919

He was awarded a bar to his Military Cross for his actions later in the same month. The recommendation from his Commanding Officer cited:-

“For extraordinary good work and devotion to duty in assisting the wounded from the battery position to the dressing station, whereby, undoubtedly, being instrumental in saving life.

On 29 September 1918, he was at the battery position of A/291st Bty. E. of RONSSOY, N.W of St QUENTIN when this battery for a considerable period was under very heavy shell fire and direct machine gun fire, and casualties occurred in the Battery. He made several journeys from the Battery position to the Dressing Station under most heavy shell fire, showing utter disregard for personal safety.

On one occasion he observed a tank mechanic coming towards the Battery position suffering from severe shell shock, and without a steel helmet. [Captain Greaves Banham] went forward and took charge of the man, placing his own steel helmet on him, and assisting the man to the Dressing Station, about a mile away. This deed was performed under direct machine gun fire of the enemy.

When not assisting wounded men he moved from one gun to another, cheering and encouraging the detachments all the time. His conduct throughout was magnificent and by his utter disregard of danger and cheerful disposition he stimulated and maintained a fine fighting spirit throughout this very trying period.

*(Signed) E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN
Major-General
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION*

After the war Reverend Banham was parish priest at Aynhoe in Northamptonshire from 1926 to 1963, where reportedly he kept a German helmet in a cupboard in the Rectory Hall. He retired to Sidmouth and died here in 1973, a year after his wife, who is buried in the same grave.

APPENDIX 2

COLONEL CHARLES JAMES WILLIAM GRANT VC

Charles Grant was born at Bourtie, Aberdeenshire, in 1861. He came from a family with a tradition of service in British India. After leaving Sandhurst he was commissioned into the Suffolk regiment and then in 1884 he transferred to the Madras Staff Corps of the British Indian Army. He served on the Burma Expedition, 1885/87.

In 1891 he was stationed at Tamu, on the border between Burma and Manipur, then a semi-independent state. News reached Tamu that the British Residency in the Manipuri capital, Imphal, had been attacked and five unarmed British officers had been taken prisoner. Lieutenant Grant – as he was ranked then – volunteered to go into Manipur in an attempt to free the captives.

Unknown to him the prisoners had already been murdered by the time he set out. Seven miles inside Manipur his column of 80 Punjabi and Gurkha troops came under attack. After a fire fight and bayonet charge they captured a defensible position at Thobal before a large part of the Manipuri army arrived to surround them. He wrote in his notes what he felt when he saw the approaching force – ‘I halted in sheer amazement: the enemy’s line was over a mile long’.

Lt Grant’s small force had to fight off waves of assault for 10 days and at the height of the battle there were over 2,000 attackers. All of the troops with him were also decorated for their bravery.

Speaking later one of Grant’s men said they just never thought they could be defeated being led by an officer like him. For a while he managed to deceive the enemy into thinking that he had a whole regiment with him. He also threw them off balance by launching attacks outside the compound. He twice spurned offers of safe passage if he would stop fighting and retreat. The enemy finally withdrew after 10 days, which was fortunate because the defenders were by then almost out of ammunition.

After the battle he joined a larger British force moving towards Imphal. In further fighting he was hit by a bullet that went through the base of his neck and out the other side, taking fabric from his shirt and tunic with it. Writing about it to his mother soon afterwards he said, “feeling the wound with my fingers and being able to speak and feeling no violent flow of blood I discovered I wasn’t dead quite yet, so I reloaded my revolver and got up.” He refused medical treatment until the position he was attacking was captured. His men then carried him into Imphal.

Later in his career, he commanded the 89th and then the 92nd Punjabis. He retired to England in 1913 to live at Knightsbridge in London and then re-enlisted as a draft conducting officer with the Royal Scots Regiment on the outbreak of WW1.

After the war he and his wife Mary moved down to Devon and finally came to Sidmouth to build Western Field in Manor Road. He died at Western Field in 1932 and Mary Grant continued to live there until her death in 1959. She is buried in the same grave as her husband.

The grave was restored in 2014 by the Sidmouth Branch of the Royal British Legion and was dubbed ‘The Tiger’s Tomb’ by the *Sunday Telegraph*. That reflected a comment by one of his men that he fought like a tiger when he went outside the compound at Thobal with just 10 troops and drove away several hundred of the enemy.

Although Charles Grant is largely forgotten in the UK he is still remembered with great respect by the Punjab Regiment in today’s India.