John Nathaniel Mann (1911), b Plymouth, 14, garden boy & school inmate. (HC: left for Canada 1 Jun 1911 with other St B boys. FMP: No obvious match

Sidney Arthur Manners (1911), b London, 17, postal / telegraph messenger. (StB), South Wales Borderers, Dec 1915, Dec 1916. FMP: Medal Index Card transcription gives service no. as 18329 a Private in the South Wales Borderers, archive ref. WO372/13. Link to National Archives record.

Frederick Mansfield (1911), b Chipping Norton, 12, school inmate. (StB), Army Dec 1915, Dec 1916 FMP: Several possible matches

Samuel Marley (1911), b Tiverton, 37, farm carter.FMP: More than 1 possible record

William Marley (1911), b SP, 11. ER 1919: Higher Town, 29511 Pte 1st East Surreys FMP: Medal index card (ref WO 372/13/120155) for him with this service number in the East Surrey Regiment, as a Private. He was previously a Private in the Gloucestershire Regiment, number 39522.

W Martin (StB), Canadian contingent Dec 1916. FMP: several possibles, nothing obvious.

Edward Milton (np:2nd Dragoon Gds, Queen's Bays, mother in Higher Town). FMP: There is a medal index card for Edward Milton in the Dragoon Guards, soldier no D/5345, a private. The archive ref is WO372/14

Frank Milton (1911), b Uffculme, 16, general labourer. (np: Royal Marine Light Infantry, mother in Higher Town). FMP: no likely matches

John Milton (1911), b Wellington, 21, GWR packer / plate layer. FMP~~: possible is John James Milton from Beambridge, nr. Wellington, a 26 year old mill hand in 1916.He married Selena Stone at Sampford Arundel on 15/4/1909, and she lived at 23 Causeway Park Street, Tiverton - having moved from Sampford Arundel (lots of crossings out!) in August 1917. Enlisted 8/11/16 for the duration of the War. A Casualty Form gives his record thus: Transferred from 4th Garrison Battalion Somerset Light Infantry Reg. no. 30302, then 32338, to 1st Garrison Battn. Lincolnshire Regt on 27/6/1917, where he served in India in Calcutta and Lahore. Granted increase to Class 1 from 3/1919. Posted to 2nd Br Lincolnshire Regt from 14/11/19 in Calcutta and is said to have been a casualty at that date. Despite this, he seems to have survived the war and there is a dispersal certificate dated 27/1/1920 when he left as a Private in the Lincolns and gave his address as 23 Park Street Tiverton.~~ Probably not the aforementioned, because he was said to be single in the 1911 census. Hence, no obvious candidates found.

William Milton (1911), b SP, 14, baker's assistant (np: in 4th Devons, mother in Higher Town). FMP: Nothing obvious found.

Horace Stanley Mitchell (1911), b Bedminster, 12, school inmate. (StB), Somerset Yeomanry Dec 1916 . FMP: Probably Horace S Mitchell who has a medal index card which shows him to be a private in the North Somerset Yeomanry, service number 1290, and later 165489. No other details.

William Frederick Monk (1911), b Woolwich, 12, school inmate. FMP: No obvious records found

Enos Enoch Moon (on leave from trenches Aug 1917) (early volunteer)(2xnp) (1911), b Uplowman, 27, quarryman / labourer. Baptised Enoch Moon in Uplowman on 6 November 1883, the child's name was subsequently registered as Enos Enock Moon. In later references to him, it would seem that the name by which he was generally known was Enos.

In the 1901 census, he was serving as a private in the Devon Militia at Fort Regent Barracks, Jersey, where his age is given as 19 (he was actually only 17 at the time). However, by the 1911 census, he had returned to the family home in Sampford Peverell to work as a limestone quarryman, there being three quarries close to the village where he may have worked at that time.

He served in the war as a private, number 10752, in the 8th Devons regiment and was in France in 1915. A newspaper report records that he returned home from the trenches in August 1917, having been an early volunteer. He was awarded three medals: the Victory, British, and 1914-15 Star, and was subsequently transferred to 'Z' Reserve in 1919. No further details of his war service have yet come to light.

After the War, Enos lived in Lower Town, but got married in September 1921 in the neighbouring parish of Burlescombe. The bride was Blanche Davey, the 6th of 8 children of John and Elizabeth Davey. She had been born just two months after Enos, also in Uplowman. Her father's occupation was a carter on a farm. Blanche had worked as a domestic servant at Middle Coombe Farm, Uplowman, before the War.

Enos and Blanche had 5 boys all born in Sampford Peverell between 1922 and 1929.They moved to Hill Kiln Cottage by 1926, and were still living there in 1930. Dennis Russell recalls that Enos Moon was the foreman at Perry's quarry after the War (this being the quarry adjacent to Hill Kiln). He recollects that the quarry subsequently closed and the business moved to Westleigh in the 1920s. Enos continued to work as a quarryman, being described as such in an unrelated incident reported in the Western Times in 1938. In the 1951 Electoral Roll, he was living at 2 Highland Terrace (at the western end of Higher Town), with Blanche and their 5 sons. He died in 1967.

Mark Moon (ancestry service record) (1911), b SP, 22, farm labourer. Born on 4 September 1888 at Sampford Peverell, Mark Moon was the son of William and Elizabeth nee Candy. When they got married in 1877, William was labourer born in Hockworthy, his wife a servant from Sampford Peverell, and both of their fathers, who were also from Sampford Peverell, were labourers too. William was poorly-educated, as he signed his name in the 1911 census with a 'X'.

In the 1891 census the family is recorded as living in Boobery, where they remained for at least another 10 years before moving to Lower Town in about 1902. In the 1901 census, William described himself as a 'herdsman on farm', whilst young Mark, still only 12, was working as a newsboy. When a little older, he

followed in his father's footsteps – and those of his grandfathers' before him – and became a farm labourer.

By 1909, Elizabeth Moon no longer had young children to care for and had become a nurse and midwife. Her own experience as a mother was to have 12 children, but only 6 survived to adulthood. Whilst no unusual in Victorian times, grief was a frequent visitor to the Moon household. In the 1911 census, the William and Elizabeth were living in a 4-roomed house in Sampford Peverell (no address is given) with their two sons, Mark and Enos Enoch.

In 1914, two months before war broke out, Mark Moon started a new career as a 'Packer' on the Great Western Railway. In the following year, on 27 September, he enlisted into the Army at the age of 27. His record describes him as 5 foot 6 inches tall, with a 38 inch chest, and no distinctive marks.

Although his experience on the railways had been short, he was assigned to the Royal Engineers, 116th Railway Troops Company in the rank of a sapper. After training, he was sent to the Middle East Front (specifically, Egypt), where he remained for the rest of the War. There he incurred two bouts of illness: neuralgia and varicose veins. On both occasions he was hospitalised, but returned to active service afterwards. It was not until February 1919 that he was 'demobbed', and was shipped back to England from Port Said. His discharge report states that he was sober, reliable and intelligent, and that he had a special aptitude as a platelayer. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star and a good conduct badge.

On returning to the UK, he moved to a new address in Halberton, and within a few months had married Florence Ponsford. She was the daughter of Jessie (a labourer) and Fanny, both from Sampford Peverell. The family moved back to Sampford Peverell by 1920, to live in Boobery. He returned to working on railways until aged 65, when he obtained a pension, but died 8 years later.Married 1919, was in Royal Engineers (np)

W Moon (ancestry service record). William Moon in the census of 1911 was 58, so not him. Please will someone check what record is on Ancestry, as there's nothing obvious on FMP?
~~John Morrell refused exemption Feb 1916 (np) (1911), b SP, 21, groom / gardener.FMP: No obvious records found~~.

John Henry Morrell refused exemption Feb 1916 (np) (1911), b SP, 21, groom / gardener. ER 1919: Booberry, 202013 Pte 2/4 Devons. FMP: Medal index card (ref WO 372/14/94905) for him with this service number in the Devonshire Regiment as a Private. He then went on to join the Wiltshire Regiment, also as a Private, service number 0150.

Arthur Stanley Mound? (1911), b Gloucester, 12, school inmate. FMP: No records found.

William James Edward Munt (1911), b Hammersmith, 12, school inmate. FMP: Probable is James William Edward Munt, who enlisted at Whitehall in 368HS Lab. C. Lt London as private 689738 on 27/2/1917. He served 12 months, 3 of which were in France. Was discharged on 26/9/1919, aged 19, on medical grounds. He was a waiter, born in Shepherd's Bush. When 14, he had suffered from rheumatic fever for 6 weeks, and this was in Devonshire (no address given).

Robert Leonard Murray (1911), b W Croydon, 12, school inmate. (StB), RN Training Home, Liscard Apr 1915, Aug 1915, Dec 1915, Dec 1916 FMP: There is only 1 person with this full name listed and he was in the Royal Fusiliers, London, but died in 1917. No other likely contenders.

F Murthea (StB), RN Dec 1914, Jan 1915, Apr 1915, Aug 1915, Dec 1915, Dec 1916. FMP: None by this name.

W Needs of Ashford Court Dairy wounded in hand. Has brother in navy on HMS Tiger.(np) Married 1919, Mons hero, wounded 4 times (np) William Needs married Ethel Howe is SP Church on 29/4/1919, he a labourer and aged 25. So born in 1894, for which there is a bmd index record for Tiverton District. FMP: there are 4 possible medal index cards for William, but can't be sure which one is him. Most probable is Soldier 9282 in Devonshire Regiment (ref WO372/14)

Alfred George Norden (1911), b Eastbourne, 11, school inmate. FMP: Nothing found

Stanley Norrish (1911), b Fordlands, 24, butter manufacturer. FMP: No matching records found.

William Henry Norrish (1911), b Chevithorne, 26, butter manufacturer / corn & coal merchant. Exempted at tribunal 1916 and again exempted upon Military's appeal in 1918 (np)

William Thomas Nunns (StB), Australian Force Dec 1916. (HC: b March 1894, Wimbledon). FMP: No Australian record found

W M Osborne (StB) Dec 1914, Jan 1915, Apr 1915, Aug 1915, Dec 1915, Dec 1916 FMP: no obvious candidates.

(William Osmond, private RM (Marines), married 4 Mar 1919 (PR). Newspaper report says bride from SP but groom from Halberton). FMP: no obvious records.

Albert John Osmond ER 1919: Lower Town, WR21181 Spr 306 RD Con Coy RE. Born in Halberton in 1887, he married Louisa Hawkins in 1913 and had moved to Lower Town, Sampford Peverell by the time he attested that he was willing to serve in the war in June 1916. He was mobilised on 6 January 1917, initially as a sapper for the 302nd Road Construction Company in the Royal Engineers, number 228255. However, on 31 January he was transferred to the 306th Road Construction Company, now with number WR 21181, also as a sapper, in which company he remained for the duration of the war. He embarked on 2 February 1917. His theatre of war was France. Working initially as a Road Maker, he passed the test for a steam roller driver in March 1918, which gave him a small increase in pay. He was eventually demobilised to the Army Reserves on 12 November 1919. Although a disability form exists on his file, there is no record of what that disability was.

A Page (St B), Army Dec 1916. Insufficient detail to trace him.

John Richard Parker (1911), b SP, 16, farm worker No record found on fmp

William Parker (early volunteer)(np), army, (fmp) (1911), b SP, 22, farm worker. FMP record. A farm labourer, single, age 23, he joined up at Exeter on 4 September 1914, enrolling in the Devonshire 8th depot. His mother was Mrs J Parker at Mount Pleasant, Sampford Peverell. He was considered fit upon his first medical, but was discharged on 23 October 1914 because he had hammer toes.

Albert William George Parkhouse (1911), b SP, 20, bootmaker assisting father ER 1919: Higher Town, 203226 Pte Worcesters Born and baptised in Sampford Peverell, he was son of Tom Parkhouse, shoemaker and Clara, dressmaker his wife. In 1901, the family lived in Boobery, but by 1911 they had moved to Higher Town. Albert, now 20, was working as an assistant boot-maker for his father. FMP: Medal index card for Albert WG Parkhouse, who had 2 service records: firstly as a private in the Worcester Regiment, no 203226; secondly as private in the Royal Engineers, no 362762. Record ref WO372/15.

Frank Parkhouse (1911), b Torquay, 15, garden boy & school inmate FMP: He was called in (specifically not enlisted, as that is crossed out) on 20 March 1916, probably by the Devonshire Regiment (only stamp legible). He was a diminutive figure at 5 foot 2 inches, with a 34 inch chest, and age 20 years and 6 months. He gave his job as Cowman at Allshire Farm, Dulverton. His next of kin was his brother, Bert, who lived in Wallington, Surrey (thus confirming that he may have been an orphan, and that this is the right person). Despite slight flat feet, he was accepted for service at Exeter. He joined the 15th (LR) Gloucestershire? Regiment, no 27425, then the 12th Royal Berks Regt, no 28655, and finally the Labour Corps, no 97046. He arrived in France in August 1916, and a year later was doing a training course in cookery, apparently in the field. He joined the Labour Corps in 1918, where he was part of the Rhine Army, until demobbed from Cologne in September 1919. He was discharged to Army Reserve on 8/10/1919 at Nottingham, when the address given is Blackbourton, Clanfield, Oxon. His character was good. He had once been punished for having dirty feet when reporting sick! An address added later in 1921 is Northfield Cottage, Woodstock Road, Whitney.

Stanley Tom Parkhouse, ER 1919: Higher Town, Cooks Mate M19015 HMS Suffolk, RN Son of Tom Parkhouse, shoemaker, and Clara his wife and a dressmaker, he was born and baptised in Sampford Peverell. In 1901 the family lived in Boobery. In the 1911 census, he was living in 48 Gold Street Tiverton, at a bakery. This was run by Harry Paul, his wife and 3 sons, all assisting in the business. Stanley was described as a baker; there were also 2 bakers' boys and a general servant living in the household.. FMP: Gave his place of birth as Tiverton on 9 Nov 1889, and a baker (and confectioner, the latter crossed out). He was posted on 21 Feb 1916 on Vivid 1 (shore-based) as Cooks Mate II, where he stayed until 16 May 1917. Then he joined HMS Suffolk as Cook's Mate until demobbed on 31 July 1917. His character was VG and ability satisfactory.

Frederick Parr (1911), b SP, 38, thatcher FMP: Not found

Edward Leslie Pearn (1911), b SP, 33, farmer managing for father temp abroad FMP: not found

W Pedlar, ASC sgt of Sampford Barton, home on leave Sep 1917 (np). This is likely to be Walter George Pedler (sic), who was born in Sampford Peverell in 1872. His brother, William Frederick, was 54 in 1917, so unlikely to be a participant. There is a medal index card for Walter G, Soldier no DM2/ 117923, sergeant, Army Service Corps. Archive ref WO 372/15

Mary Pedler Matron in Winchester military hospital.(np) Born 1868, daughter of William Frederick and Elizabeth Garnsey Pedler, he a yeoman and farmer at Sampford Barton. FMP: Taken from the Register of the Royal Red Cross. She was single, and the first service record is as Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service General Hospital. Her next record is as Assistant Matron, of the same order. Her position was Acting Matron at the Military Hospital, Magdelen Camp, Winchester. She received a Second Class Award, which was published in the London Gazette on 23/2/1917, and was decorated by HM King at Buckingham Palace on 31/3/1917. The archive ref is WO372/23.

Edmund Stanley Perkins (1911), b Leytonstone, 13, school inmate. FMP: Private, London Regiment, 1st (City of London) Battalion (Royal Fusiliers). His record (just a one page transcript) says he was born in Leytonstone, and lived in Marylebone, from wher he enlisted. He died on 27 August 1918 of wounds, in 'France and Flanders'. His theatre of war was Western Europe. There is a medal index card for Edmund S Perkins, in which he has 2 records: Service 1 was no. 8095 , private, London Regiment; and Service 2 as no 203802, private, London Regiment. Archive ref WO372/15.

John Perkins (new Globe landlord is discharged soldier Jul 1918) (np). Not in 1911 census for SP, or pre-war Gregory's directory for SP, so hard to identify him. He didn't stay at the Globe for long, so his connection with SP is very brief. Suggest we delete him.

Frederick John Perry (married Elizabeth ~~Moore~~ Moon in SP in 1905 - ancestry pension record) He was a policeman from St Peter's parish Tiverton, age 24 so born in 1881. 1911 Census they were living in Bampton Street Tiverton, and he was a policeman still. They do not appear in Gregory's directory for Sampford Peverell after the war, so his only connection with SP was through his wife. P C Perry features in several newspaper articles about events in Tiverton during and after the war. Conclusion: not a Sampford Peverell man.

O Perry (on leave in 1917)(np). May be a relative of Charles John Perry, who married Clara Dunn of Sampford Peverell in 1913 in Tiverton district. Otherwise, no previous or later connection with the village found. FMP: insufficient data to identify record.

W Peter (StB), HMS Impregnable Dec 1916 FMP Naval record (page no J 54753) for William Henry Peter, born 26 August 1900 at Fulham, London. His occupation was a Gardener's boy. His record

shows that he enrolled for 12 years from 1918 (i.e. when he was 18), but his service record begins with the training establishment at Devonport, HMS Impregnable, in July 1916 as 'Boy II'. Then as Boy I in March 1917. Next, he was assigned to shore-based Vivid I from March 1917 to June 1917, after which he was posted to HMS Ramillies from June 1917 to July 1918. Ramillies saw no combat during the war. He then returned briefly to Vivid 1 where he became an Ordinary Seaman, so that he could join HMS Argus for the remainder of the war. He was just 5 foot 1 inch tall, with a 31 inch chest, light brown hair, blue eyes and a fresh complexion. His birth was actually registered in the 4th quarter of 1900 (bmd), so he was only 15 years old when he was first joined the training establishment.. He remained in the Navy until at least 1927.

A Pick (StB), HMS Impregnable Dec 1916 FMP Naval record (page J54812) for Augustus Cathlic Pick, born 27 Jan 1900 at Southsea, Hants, occupation Farm Boy. He enrolled for 12 years when he reached his 18th birthday, but his service record begins in June 1816 when he joined the training establishment at Devonport, HMS Impregnable, as Boy II. He remained there until Jan 1917, becoming Boy I during that time. He transferred to land-based Victory I, then to HMS Moldovia for a few months. His other wartime posting was to HMS Implacable, as an Ordinary Seaman. He was 5 foot 5 inches tall, a 32 inch chest, brown hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. His bmd record shows he was born Augustus Cathie (or Cathic?) Pick in the third quarter of 1900. After the war, he was and Able Bodied Seaman on HMS Calcutta until June 1920, when it would appear that he was discharged, with the reason for discharge given as 'Runs'.

(Arthur Pillar - see casualties)

William Pillar, navy on HMS Hogue (reported missing in action but later as POW, mentioned in Clive's notes) I think this is the wrong one. Our William Pillar was born in Burlescombe in 1892, lived in Jersey Cottages in 1901 and was son of William, a railway packer, and Mary. His full name was William Henry Pillar (bmd), born in 2nd qtr 1892 and his birth was registered at Wellington. The chap on HMS Hogue was born in Islington in 1887. FMP: Our William Pillar got a Silver War Badge, for which there is the transcription of a record showing that he lived at Marshalls Cottage, Waterloo Cross, Uffculme. He enrolled on 5 September 1914 in the 5th Somerset Light Infantry, no. 2364. He was discharged on 7 March 1916 and the age of 24 (confirming birth year as 1892) and was given the Silver War badge 2 years later. The cause of discharge is in code!(392 xvi para 2 a 1, Army Order 265/17.) He also has a medal index card, which shows that his rank was a Private.

A Ponsford (on leave from trenches Aug 1917) (np) See Albert and Arthur below

Albert Ponsford (1901), b SP, 13, child son of James and af lab and Jane. Birth record cannot be traced. Not in 1911 census for SP, so not pursued.

Arthur Ponsford (1901), b SP, son of Fanny, age 11. Baptism in SP in 1890, son of Jesse a GWR employee and Fanny. Not in 1911 census. Born Nov 1889. FMP: There are 6 Arthur Ponsfords with a medal index card, only 1 of which is for the Devonshire Regiment. This is for a private, no 17728.

Charlie Ponsford (1911), b SP, 24, gardener Charles Ponsford was born in March 1887 and baptised at SP, son of Jesse, a labourer and Fanny. FMP: No Obvious matches, although there is a medal index card for one of such name in the Somerset Light Infantry.

Ernest Ponsford (1911), b SP, 14, worker at home. Born John Ernest Posnford , he had dropped the 'John' by 1911. He was son of Thomas William, a tailor and job master, and Charlotte Westlake nee Greedy. bmd: born Q3 1896, registered at Tiverton. In 1911 census he lived with the family, near the Post Office. FMP: He enlisted in September 1914 at Tiverton, into the Devonshire Regiment, firstly as no 3769, then later as no 11891, where his occupation was given as coachman, and passed the medical exam. He was posted to the EF in France in September 1915, and then to the Mediterranean EF in September 1915. He contracted Malaria at Salonika in June 1916, and was hospitalised several times as a result in Malta and elsewhere. After several relapses of the Malaria, he was despatched back to the UK in February 1919 to hospital in Epsom, then he was discharged from military service in April 1919.

Herbert Ponsford (on leave Feb 1917 with poisoned hand, reported as POW June 1918)(early volunteer)(2xnp) (1911), b SP, 14, farm yard boy Census shows he was son of Fanny, and brother of Charlie (see above). bmd: born Q2 1896, registered at Tiverton. FMP: Likely medal index card for Herbert Ponsford, private 10641 in the Devonshire Regiment ref WO 372 / 16

William Ponsford (1911), b SP, 16, baker's boy Census: Son of Thomas and brother of Ernest (see above). FMP: No obvious matches found, although there are several medal index cards for that name.