

Private

WILLIAM POOK

43047, 6TH Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment

Died 4 November 1918

Aged 29

Buried Caudry British Cemetery

Grave IV.H.2

William Pook was a Devon man by birth and ancestry. Pook is an unusual name, possibly brought over by Dutch wool traders to the Tiverton area. It can mean an elf or goblin, but in Devon and Somerset is also used to describe a haycock. He was born on April 19 1889 in the country north east of Morebath, where his father, another William, from West Anstey, worked as a shepherd and farm worker.

These countrymen of the turn of the 19th century had a tough life. By 1901 William, aged 11, was living with a farmer at Keens, Morebath, still at school but also working as a Farm Servant.

By 1911, now 22 (these Census ages are a bit flexible) he was married to Florence (born in Bampton, but living with her family in Morebath), and living at New Cottage, Cove, working as a Farm Waggoner. His father had also moved to Cove, and was working at Court Farm. Cove is a small village in the Exe valley, between Tiverton and Bampton. The location is most beautiful, but it must have made for very hard farm work in an unmechanised age.

The family was not an especially large one; William was the oldest of four, one of whom had died. His younger brother George appears to have been in the Royal Field Artillery in India.

The puzzle is why William should have moved to Buckland St Mary. His first son - William again - was born at Cove in 1912; William was then working as a farm labourer. His second, Francis, was born at Blackwater, Buckland St Mary, in 1914. It's about 29 miles from Cove to Buckland St Mary; not far now, but a long way circa 1913. Was he employed at a Hiring Fair? Did he have a contact in Buckland? We don't know. Of course, viewed in the light of a brother who enlisted and went off to India, maybe this seems not such a huge leap.

Having been working as a Road Contractor in 1914 when his son Francis was born, by 1917 he was working for Tom Lee House at Colley Farm, Buckland St Mary. In July the *Taunton Courier* reports an appeal before the Chard Tribunal by Mr House for exemption from military service of two of his agricultural workers, William Pook and H. Middleton. The appeal was adjourned, and no further reports of what happened next can be found. The records of most of the Tribunals were destroyed after the war. The appeal obviously failed, because the next certain thing we know of William is that he was in the 6th Battalion the Dorset Regiment.

Farming at that time may have been tough, and the move from Cove to Buckland St Mary a disruption of the life he knew, but his call up and removal to the Western Front went beyond anything he might have expected from his pre-war life.

William was probably in the Army by August or September 1917; he enlisted at Ilminster. Allowing about 6 months for training, he would have been sent to France by February or March 1918, just in time for the German Spring Offensive. Freed principally by the withdrawal of Russia from the war after the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, Germany was able to send many more troops to the Western

Front. Their attack was expected, but was nonetheless devastating, pushing the Allied forces far back over ground so bitterly fought for during the previous years. The Germans in the end overreached themselves, brought down by exhaustion, over-extended supply lines and, very importantly, the arrival of the Americans in force.

Dorsets Regimental Badge



This was the maelstrom into which William was thrust. For the 6th Dorsets, the attack began on March 21; they were driven back and scattered, fighting in small units, exhausted and without food. It was the beginning of April before some sort of order was restored; they had then been in action continuously for 22 days, and their 50th Division had lost two thirds of its numbers. Yet the History of the Regiment comments on the 'nonchalant cheerfulness of the men' in the face of adversity. At this time too the 1918 influenza epidemic was raging, but the 50th were not so badly affected as some.

Gradually, the situation reversed, and the Allies were pursuing the Germans north and east. With their successful advance, warfare became more open and free moving as they worked back across old territory, but not without heavy losses.

'For the first time since August 22nd the whole Division was out of the line. It had been in action for 22 days and had fought forward 19 miles. This was the end of the first phase of the battle of Bapaume, in which 34,250 prisoners were taken and 270 guns.' *History of the Dorsetshire Regiment 1914-1919* – Capt G O'Hanlon MC. There were other hard-fought actions, culminating in the battle of Neuville, a fight across the River Selle. They were then out of the line till November 3.

On November 4, while the final peace negotiations were going on between Marshal Foch and German representatives, an attack was launched by all 3 Brigades through the Mormal Forest. Their own 18-pounders fired short and caused 16 casualties; the day ended with overall casualties of 5 men killed and 42 wounded in reaching the forest, and in the fighting in the forest 7 killed and 33 wounded.

This was the last fighting of the 50th Brigade. It went on a day too long for William Pook, who was, we think, wounded that November 4, and died later in the day - one week before the end of the war, and on the same day as the poet Wilfred Owen. He should have been taken to 3 Casualty Clearing Station, but there is no record of his name there.

A sad little postscript: his son William had started at Buckland St Mary School in June 1917 when he was 5. He left on December 2 1918, just about when news of his father's death must have arrived. Florence Pook was still living in Blackwater then; one can imagine her scooping up the two boys and heading back to some comfort from her family in Devon.

She re-married in 1924, but died at the age of 54 in 1936. Both boys seem to have survived WW2, but young William died aged 41 in 1953.

As well as being recorded on the Buckland St Mary War Memorial, William is also on the Memorial at Cove. The motto at the base of the cross and memorial reads 'In hoc signo vinces' – 'In this sign [ie the Cross] you will conquer'. The church in which it was housed having been de-consecrated, it now sits rather oddly in a corner of the Village Hall car park, a stiff climb up the hill, but well-tended and surrounded by the most stunning distant views over the Exe valley.



War Memorial, Cove, near Tiverton

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Administration County of Severn The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the Parish of Morebath Page 2

Civil Parish of Morebath Municipal Borough of Dulverton Rural Sanitary District of Dulverton Urban Sanitary District of Morebath Ecclesiastical Parish of Morebath

Col. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. of Street	ROAD, STREET, ALLEY, and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	Number of Tenants	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Where BORN	(1) Deaf-Blind (2) Blind (3) Lame, Imbecile or idiot					
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				Caroline	Wife		38		Devon, Maryanleigh						
				James C.	Son		16	Scholar	Devon, Bampton						
				William C.	Son		14	Scholar	Devon, Bampton						
				Charlie	Son		12	Scholar	Devon, Bampton						
12	2 Bonny Cops	1	4	James Chapple	Head	Wid.	40	Blacksmith	Devon, Maryanleigh						
				Caroline	Wife		38		Devon, Maryanleigh						
				James C.	Son		16	Scholar	Devon, Bampton						
				William C.	Son		14	Scholar	Devon, Bampton						
				Charlie	Son		12	Scholar	Devon, Bampton						
13	1 Firway	1	4	Henry Handman	Head	Wid.	40	Road Contractor	Devon, Clayhanger						
				John	Son		16	Scholar	Devon, Clayhanger						
				William	Son		14	Scholar	Devon, Clayhanger						
				John	Son		12	Scholar	Devon, Clayhanger						
				William	Son		10	Scholar	Devon, Clayhanger						
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				William	Son		2	Scholar	Devon, Clayhanger						
14	2 Firway	1	4	Henry Handman	Head	Wid.	40	Road Contractor	Devon, Clayhanger						
				John	Son		16	Scholar	Devon, Clayhanger						
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				John	Son		4	Scholar	Devon, Clayhanger						
				William	Son		2	Scholar	Devon, Clayhanger						

Total of Houses and of Tenants with less than Five Rooms... 4 4 2

Total of Males and Females... 11 18

Notes.—Draw the pen through each of the words of the headings as are inappropriate.

Reference: **RG12/1868**

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1891 CENSUS FOR FLORENCE HAWKINS, HIS WIFE

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Administrative County <u>Devon</u>							The undermentioned Houses are							
Civil Parish			Ecclesiastical Parish				County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District			Ward of Municipality or of Urban District				
of <u>Moudbath</u>			of <u>Moudbath</u>				of			of				
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No. of Inhabitants	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES				Number of Houses occupied if less than five	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Condition as to Marriage	Age last Birthday of				
		Inhabited	In Overlap	Not in Overlap	Settling					Males	Females			
53	Mill	1					Thomas Payne	head	M		26			
							Ida D ^o	wife	M		26			
52	Logton Cottage	1					James Paterson	head	M		43			
							Elizabeth D ^o	wife	M		33			
							Lucy D ^o	daur	S		14			
							Beatrice D ^o	daur	S		13			
							Tom D ^o	son	S		11			
							Jane D ^o	daur	S		9			
							Eva D ^o	daur	S		7			
							Ann D ^o	daur	S		3			
53	Wilmshill	1					Robert D ^o	son			1			
							William B. Paulin	head	M		48			
							Florence D ^o	wife	M		37			

1901 CENSUS FOR WILLIAM POOK SENIOR

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		Inhabited	In Overlap	Not in Overlap	Settling					Males	Females
476	Claypit	1					Walker Perry	head	M	33	
							Francis J. D ^o	wife	M		26
							Louisa C. D ^o	daur			2
477	North Combe	1					Henry Perryman	head	M	37	
							Sarah J. D ^o	wife	M		30
							William H. D ^o	son		8	
							Charles R. D ^o	son		7mo	
							Louisa Burton	mother in law			64
							John Alderman	servant	S	17	
							Ernest C. Mace	boarder	S	22	
							Henry J. Whidton	boarder	S	19	
478	East Combe	1					Alpha Pease	head	M	49	
							Bessie D ^o	wife	M		47

1901 CENSUS FOR WILLIAM POOK

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

Number of Schedule 21
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE last Birthday and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards		BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
			State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of— Wife "Single," "Married," "Widowed," "Divorced," "Separated," "Other," "Servant," "Other."	Children born alive in previous Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.) Children born alive in present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.) Children born alive in previous Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.) Children born alive in present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Personal Occupation. The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Industry or Service with which worker is connected. This question should generally be answered by stating the business carried on by the employer. If this is clearly shown in Col. 10 the question need not be answered here. If any person is engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 9 and Examples on back of Schedule.)			
William Pook	Head	48	Married	24	4	1	Born Labourer 140	North	North
Elizabeth Pook	Wife	44	Married	24	4	1	Stone Quarry Labourer 54	North	North
Charles Hall	Son	24	Single				Stone Quarry Labourer 54	North	North

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Transoms, or Apartments). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, nor washhouse, office, shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature William Pook
Postal Address Boystown Lane, Burton, Devon

1911 CENSUS FOR WILLIAM POOK SENIOR

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William Pook	Head	22	Married	1	0	0	Wagoner on Farm 130	North	North
Flora Alice Pook	Wife	22	Married	1	0	0	Wagoner on Farm 130	North	North

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I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature William Pook
Postal Address New Cottage Lane, Burton, Devon

1911 CENSUS FOR WILLIAM POOK

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number 5340417-1

REGISTRATION DISTRICT **TIVERTON**

1912 BIRTH in the Sub-district of **Tiverton** in the County of Devon

Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
388	Eight June 1912 New Cottage Cove Tiverton	William Henry	Boy	William Pook	Florence Maud Pook formerly Hawks	Farmer Labourer	William Pook Father New Cottage Cove Tiverton	Third July 1912	M. Morsell	Registrar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 17th day of December 2013

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WILLIAM HENRY POOK

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Application Number 5340417-2

REGISTRATION DISTRICT **CHARD**

1914 BIRTH in the Sub-district of **Combe St Nicholas** in the County of Somerset

Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
200	Eight March 1914 Blackwater Buckland St Mary lehard R.D.	Francis George	Boy	William Pook	Florence Maud Pook formerly Hawks	Road Contractor	William Pook Father Blackwater Buckland St Mary	Thirteenth March 1914	Shummers	Registrar

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CHARD TRIBUNALS.
BOROUGH CASES.
A CHRISTADELPHIAN'S CONSCIENCE.
THE PRESS AND MILITARY SERVICE.
TUESDAY.—The Chairman (Mr. J. Hockey) pre-
sided. Mr. W. T. Dornay was the military repre-
sentative.
THE LACE TRADE.—A POINT CLEARED UP.—The
Chairman announced at the outset of the meeting
that according to a ruling given by Judge the
Hon. W. B. Lindley (chairman of the County Ap-
peal Tribunal) on the previous Saturday, twist
hands in the lace trade were included in the cer-
tified occupations' list. He thought this would
simplify matters in their dealings with the lace
trade.—The military representative: Judge Lindley
may rule that way, and someone else may rule
otherwise. I have a letter from the War Office
stating that the lace trade is not included in the
list of restricted occupations.—Mr. W. G. Warren
produced a copy of the list, which he had not re-
ceived through his own tribunal (and copies had
never been issued to the members). This plainly
showed that the making of plain net was included
in the list of certified occupations.—Messrs. Boden
& Co., lace manufacturers, entered applications for
Frederick Berry, 18, single, and James Welch, 19,
single, Cl., twist hands.—Mr. R. H. Blood appeared
in support of the application, and mentioned that
Berry had now been rejected as unfit for service.
Welch was engaged on Government work, and
since he was last before the tribunal the firm had
lost one more man, making their percentage of
men in the Army 71 per cent.—Six months' ex-
emption was allowed to Welch, and the application for
Berry was withdrawn.
ON AGRICULTURAL WORK.—Messrs. Denning &
Co., of Crimchard Works, applied for the retention
of Albert Manning, 18, single, A, a fitter's appren-
tice, of Wadeford, and John Apin, 40, married,
iron moulder.—The latter had not been before the
Medical Board, and his case was adjourned to en-
able this to be done.—Mr. Denning stated that in
regard to Manning, he was wholly engaged in agri-
cultural work of national importance. He failed
to see the advisability of sending these men away,
for they were not sent into the Army, but if they
passed the test they were put to their trade.—
Three months' temporary exemption was allowed,
by which time the harvest will be over, it being
further stated that Manning was engaged on the
making of hay-rakes and other machinery.
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESS.—Some fresh in-
structions with regard to the exemption of men
engaged in the production of newspapers were read
during the hearing of the applications entered by
Messrs. Young & Son, newspaper and general
printers. The men whom it was sought to retain
were Thomas James Barrable, 25, single, Cl.,
stone-hand and maker-up; Fred Hill, 25, single,
Cl.; and Louis G. Sargent, 18, single, apprenticed
to newspaper reporting.—Mr. J. H. Young sup-
ported the claims, and said that his position had
become more serious since he last appeared, he
having lost two more apprentices. They were
bringing on girls, but it took a long time to train
them.—The Clerk (Mr. J. A. Forward) read the
instructions received as to the upkeep of daily and
weekly papers, this stating that in the national
interest sufficient staffs should be allowed to re-
main to enable papers to be produced.—Six months'
exemption was allowed to Hill and Barrable, and
the case of Sargent was then gone into. He was
appealed for on grounds of indispensability by his
employer, and he also entered a personal applica-
tion on the ground of conscientious objection to
military service. He asked that he be exempted
from military service conditional on his doing work
of national importance. He was a member of the
religious sect known as Christadelphians, one of
whose consistent tenets was that on Biblical
grounds no member should undertake any form of
military service. He was brought up in the faith,
both his parents having been members before mar-
riage, and he became a member without any appre-
hension of being called upon to undertake military
service.—The military representative: You did not

Giving in

IT is not surprising that women do sometimes despair. They are so concerned for the welfare of others, the care of the family, and the happiness of home, that their own health is apt to be neglected.

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Backache

cowman on the farm of Messrs. S. J. F. Hecks, of Weston, Chard.

JOINED UP.—It was reported that the following, for whom appeals were pending, had joined the Army:—J. W. Dorman, 30, single, agricultural carpenter in the employ of his father, F. Dorman, of Buckland St. Mary; Fred W. Bowers, farmer and dealer, of Tatworth-road, Chard; G. H. Morris, of Barrington, Ilminster, road contractor and small-holder.

ADJOURNED.—The following cases were adjourned under the decision as to agricultural employees mentioned above:—W. H. Legg, 18, single, cowman, &c. for C. L. Austin, of Hawley, near Chard; Wm. Pook and H. Middleton, in the employ of T. L. House, of Buckland St. Mary; H. H. H. Faulkner, 19, shepherd for S. Faulkner, Stocklinch, Ilminster; Wm. W. Jacobs, general farm assistant for W. W. Jacobs, of Seavington; Edward R. Gummer, carter for Mark Gummer, of Stocklinch; F. B. Dommert, Bl., farm carter in the employ of B. D. Dommert, of Cricket St. Thomas; Arthur Chick, 26, single, cowman for Messrs. Turner & Sons, of Dowlish Wake; L. S. Broughton, in partnership with J. E. Broughton, of Dowlish Wake; and Chas. Knight, shepherd for J. D. Rutler, of Allowenshay, Hinton St. George.

RESTRICTED OCCUPATIONS.—Colonel O. V. Yates, R.O. (Yeovil), wrote informing the tribunal that the age limit in regard to restricted occupations was to be raised, and notifying that he would be issuing calling-up notices to those men whose certificates of exemption had automatically lapsed through the raising of the ages.—The Chairman said that such men would have the right to appeal, and asked the Press to take notice of this so that the men affected might make their appeal as soon as possible after receiving their calling-up notices.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

THE COURIER, WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1917

CHARD TRIBUNALS.

Name.		Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
POOK		Dorset R	Pte	43047
William				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	C/2/101 B10	682		
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Date of entry therein				

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**ADDENDA COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.
GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.**

REPORT No. *3*SCHEDULE No. *46c REV. 40/c.*

Commune : CAUDRY.

PLACE OF BURIAL CAUDRY BRITISH CEMETERY.

Map Reference

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The following are buried here:— This Report Caudry Sch. 33/c. - 44/c.
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Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
PLOT 4, ROW 'G'. Contd.						
2/K. O. S. B.		LOGAN	2/Lt. R.	20/10/18	I.W.G.C.	24✓
do.	27789	BUICK	Pte. F.	do.	I.W.G.C.	25✓
do.	42024	MILLAR	Pte. D.	do.	I.W.G.C.	26✓
do.	18930	CAPLAN	Pte. H.	do.	I.W.G.C.	27✓
do.	31969	LANGDALE	Pte. C.	do.	I.W.G.C.	28✓
do.	7691	JOHNSTONE	Sgt. J.	do.	I.W.G.C.	29✓
1/Herts Regt.	12160	DENYER	Pte. D.	18/10/18	I.W.G.C.	30✓
PLOT 4, ROW 'H'.						
6/2nd. Bde. N. Z. F. A.	2/2837	HARDY ✓	Gnr. C.C.	4/11/18	E	1✓
6/Dorset Regt.	43047	POOK	Pte. W.	do.	E	2✓
9/West Ridings	34980	PENDLETON	Pte. H.	5/11/18	E	3✓

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.
GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

Army Form W. 3372.

Commune- CAUDRY.

REPORT No. 2

SCHEDULE No. 6/c.

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PLACE OF BURIAL CAUDRY GERMAN CEMETERY.

All documents certified
complete and correct.

Map Reference 57B.J.19.a.9.1.

This report cancels Coml. Report

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Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
PLOT 2 ROW "A" (cont'd). R to L.						
9/WEST RIDINGS.	57964.	BANKS.	PTE.H.	3.11.18.		28.✓
8/LINGOLNS.	50399.	WILSON.	PTE.F.	4.11.18.	ALL	29.✓
2/ DO	238144.	EVANS.	SGT.H.J.	3.11.18.	CROSSES	30.✓
PLOT 2 ROW "B". L to R. ERECTED.						
6/2nd.BDE.NZFA.	2/28 ³ 7.	HARDY.	GNR.C.C.	4.11.18.	SCM/40534	1.✓
6/DORSET.REGT.	43047.	POOK.	PTE.W.	DO		2.✓
9/W.RIDINGS.	34980.	PENDLETON.	PTE.H.	5.11.18.		3.✓
2/R.WELSH FUS.	56713.	STEVENS.	CPL.J.	4.11.18.		4.✓
17/ DIV.SIG.COY.RE.	16/6341 66271.	CLEARY. M.M.	CPL.J.	4.11.18.	RU/42044	5.✓
R.WELSH FUS.	89211.	BURROWS.	PTE.W.T.	4.11.18.		6.✓
36/ARMY BDE.RFA.	20384.	MC DOUGAL.	GNR.C.	5.11.18.	AA/LS/5/3417	7.✓
1/ESSEX REGT.	204543 204.	WOODCOCK.	CPL. L/C.H.	6.11.18.	WW/LS/4/2528	8.✓
1/N.Z.R.B.	14914.	KIDD.	RFN.R.D.	5.11.18.		9.✓
155/ARMY BDE.RFA.	831293.	PRIEST.	GNR.C.	4.11.18.		10.✓
10/SHERWOODS.	268245.	GROVES.	L/C.H.	DO		11.✓
12/MANCHESTERS.	6635.	FLINT.	PTE.A.	DO		12.✓
3./N.Z.R.B.	72109.	LESTER.	RFN.W.	5.11.18.		13.✓

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 Name and Address of Firm. Imperial War Graves Commission.

Imperial War Graves Commission.

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS
 to this report is attached
COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS
(those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)
 and
TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).

Schedule "A" Page 11
 Name of Cemetery.
CAUDRY B.C.
 To be stencilled on foot of
 headstones below ground level
 abbreviated thus:—
CAUDRY B.C.

Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st Line	2nd Line	3rd Line	4th Line		Centre of Stone.	To be stencilled on foot of Headstones below ground level.
	Number and Rank.	Initials, NAME and Honours.	Regiment.	Date of Death. <small>In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 4, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.</small>	Age	Relig. Emb.	Plot P. Row R. <u>Grav.</u>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1052/1A	17455 PRIVATE	E. HILTON	K.O. SCOTTISH BORDERERS	20TH OCTOBER 1918	AGE 31	CROSS	4 G 23 631
1052/1C	SECOND LIEUTENANT	ROBERT LOGAN	K.O. SCOTTISH BORDERERS	20TH OCTOBER 1918	AGE 25	CROSS	4 G 24 632
1052/1A	27789 PRIVATE	F. BUIK	K.O. SCOTTISH BORDERERS	20TH OCTOBER 1918	NONE	CROSS	4 G 25 633
1052/1A	42024 PRIVATE	D. MILLER	K.O. SCOTTISH BORDERERS	20TH OCTOBER 1918	NONE	CROSS	4 G 26 634
1052/1A	18930 PRIVATE	H. CAPTAIN <u>SAPIN</u>	K.O. SCOTTISH BORDERERS	20TH OCTOBER 1918	NONE	CROSS	4 G 27 635
1052/1A	31969 PRIVATE	C. LANGDALE	K.O. SCOTTISH BORDERERS	20TH OCTOBER 1918	NONE	CROSS	4 G 28 636
1052/1B	7691 SERJEANT	J. JOHNSTONE	K.O. SCOTTISH BORDERERS	20TH OCTOBER 1918	AGE 36	CROSS	4 G 29 637
1084/1A	12160 PRIVATE	D. DENYER	HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT	19TH OCTOBER 1918	NONE	CROSS	4 G 30 638
1203/2A	2/2837 GUNNER	C.C. HARDY	N.Z. FIELD ARTILLERY	4TH NOVEMBER 1918	AGE 23	CROSS	4 H 1 639
1015/1A	43047 PRIVATE	W. POOK	DORSETSHIRE REGIMENT	4TH NOVEMBER 1918	NONE	CROSS	4 H 2 640
1067/2A	34990 PRIVATE	H. PENDLETON	DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGT.	4TH NOVEMBER 1918	NONE	CROSS	4 H 3 641
1065/1A	56713 CORPORAL	J. STEVENS	ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS	4TH NOVEMBER 1918	AGE 25	CROSS	4 H 4 642
1190/1A	161671 2ND CORPORAL	J. CLEARY, MM.	ROYAL ENGINEERS	4TH NOVEMBER 1918	NONE	CROSS	4 H 5 643
1065/1A	69211 PRIVATE	W.T. BURROWS	ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS	4TH NOVEMBER 1918	NONE	CROSS	4 H 6 644
1186/2A	20784 GUNNER	C. MC DOUGALL	ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY	4TH NOVEMBER 1918	NONE	CROSS	4 H 7 645

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- INDEX No. Fr. 658 POLLARD, Gnr. Lewis Allan, 625742. Hon. CAUDRY BRIT. Artillery Company, att'd. 309th Siege Bty. CEM. Royal Garrison Artillery. 23rd Feb., 1919. Age 38. Husband of Florence Emma Pollard, of The Cottage, Link Lane, Wallington, Surrey. III. B. 12.
- POOK, Pte. W., 43047. 6th Bn. Dorsetshire Regt. 4th Nov., 1918. IV. H. 2.
- POOLE, Gnr. D., 225341. "D" Bty. 95th Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 14th Nov., 1918. I. C. 7.
- POOLE, Dvr. T., 5831. 155th Army Bde. Ammunition Col. Royal Field Artillery. 5th Nov., 1918. IV. H. 18.
- PORTER, Dvr. W., T4/038147. Royal Army Service Corps, att'd. 21st Casualty Clearing Station. 4th Dec., 1918. II. E. 2.
- POTTER Pte. A. E., 55278. 1st Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. 14th Nov., 1918. Age 24. Son of Mrs. Esther Potter, of White House, Coppergate, Nafferton, Yorks. I. D. 26.
- POTTER, Pte. Fred, 275634. 15th Bn. Durham Light Inf. 18th Nov., 1918. Age 29. Son of Robert and Caroline Potter; husband of Hannah Potter, of 163, Adelaide St., South Shields. I. E. 15.
- POULTER, Dvr., W. F., 20331. 38th Div. T.M. Bty. Royal Field Artillery. 4th Dec., 1918. II. E. 4.
- POW, Pte. G., M2/073567. 17th Div. M.T. Coy. Royal Army Service Corps. 30th Nov., 1918. II. D. 18.
- POWELL, Rfn. J. H., R/31360. 11th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. 4th Dec., 1917. IV. C. 27.
- POWELL, Pte. R., 376015. 1st/10th Bn. Manchester Regt. 10th Nov., 1918. I. B. 16.
- PRATT, Pte. Sidney Mayston, D/16364. Essex Yeomanry, att'd. Queen's Bays. 21st Nov., 1918. Age 22. Son of Mr. W. H. and Mrs. E. F. Pratt, of 32, St. Botolph's St., Colchester. II. A. 23.
- PRICE, Spr. John Edward, 37455. N.Z. Engineers. Died of phthisis 8th Feb., 1919. Son of Mr. John Harold Price, of Manchester St., Christchurch, New Zealand. III. B. 6.
- PRIEST, Gnr. C. W., 831293. 155th Army Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 4th Nov., 1918. Age 20. Son of Mrs. Caroline Priest, of 28, King St., Wollaston, Stourbridge. IV. H. 10.
- PRIOR, Pte. J. J., M/338883. 11th Div. Reserve M.T. Coy. Royal Army Service Corps. 20th Nov., 1918. II. C. 8.
- PROUDLOVE, Pte. G. W., 49159. 12th (Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry) Bn. Manchester Regt. 9th Nov., 1918. Son of William and Sarah Proudlove. I. B. 9.
- RANDLE, Pte. J. T., 992, M.M. 16th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 16th Oct., 1918. Age 25. IV. E. 1.
- RAWLINS, Pte. T., G/67974. 7th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. 31st Dec., 1917. IV. B. 15.
- RAYNOR, Pte. John, 14864. 2nd Bn. Auckland Regt. N.Z.E.F. Died of wounds 7th Nov., 1918. Brother of Mrs. A. Stark, of Casterton, Victoria, Australia. IV. D. 26.
- REES, Spr. E., 62979. 38th Div. Signal Coy. Royal Engineers. 23rd Nov., 1918. II. C. 10.
- REES, Lt. Thomas Stanley. "A" Coy., 46th Bn. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). 18th March, 1919. Age 40. Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Rees, of Avalon, Maple Grove, Sketty Rd., Swansea. III. B. 17.
- REID, Pte. James 12/1778. 2nd Bn. Otago Regt., N.Z.E.F. Killed in action 9th Oct., 1918. Age 24. Son of Alick and Kate Reid, of 19, Mort St., Surry Hills, Sydney, Australia. III. A. 3.
- REID, Pte. J., S/40315. 7th Bn. Seaforth Highlanders. 26th March, 1918. Age 21. Son of John and Jessie Reid, of 52, Cleveland St., Charing Cross, Glasgow. IV. B. 23.
- RENYARD, Pte. W. J., 55432. 13th Bn. Welch Regt. 1st Dec., 1918. II. D. 13.
- REYNOLDS, Pte. James Patrick, 22103. 2nd Bn. Otago Regt., N.Z.E.F. Killed in action 9th Oct., 1918. Age 28. Son of Mrs. Agnes Reynolds, of 10, Albion Place, Dunedin, New Zealand, and the late James Reynolds. Born in Victoria, Australia. III. A. 5.

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6th BATTALION DORSET REGT – WAR DIARY NOVEMBER 1918 - TRANSCRIPT

NEUVILLY 1918 Nov. 1st

Training in the morning. Lecture by G.O.C. in the afternoon.

Warning order received that Battalion would move to VENDIGIES on the 2nd inst.

2nd

Adjutants parade. Operation orders received that 50th Inf. Bde. were moving to VENDIGIES. Divisional Conference at INCHY FOR Commanding Officer at 12 noon. Battalion leaves NEUVILLY at 19.30 hours. Arrived at VENDIGIES at 2215 hours.

VENDIGIES

3rd

Day spent at VENDIGIES. Operation Orders received at 1500 hours. Battalion would move at 0210 hrs. on 4th inst and take up first assembly positions in front of POIX DU NORD.

A coy. at X. 28.b.4.7.

D coy. at X. 28.b.1.9.

C coy. at X.28. central

B coy. and B.H.Q. at QUARRY.X.28. d.2.3.

4th

Left VENDIGIES at 0210 hours.

8 casualties going up from shell fire. Arrived 1st Assembly positions 0400 hrs.

Our barrage opened at 0530 hrs. Ragged retaliation by enemy.

Left for 2nd Assembly positions at 0830 hrs. Arrived there 0930 hrs.

(ENGLEFONTAINE-LOUVIGNIES ROAD) Very little shelling on the way.

Enemy on the run and 52nd Brigade had reached their objective.

Left 2nd Assembly positions at 0945 hrs. Reached 3rd Assembly positions

1145 hrs. Very little enemy shelling. Ready to move off from final assembly

position at 1230 hrs. Our 18 pounders were firing short on final assembly

positions. At 1259 hrs the Battalion attacked with very little barrage from

our own artillery. When S.24.b.2.8. was reached at 1410 hrs our

18 pounders put down a heavy barrage on our leading coys, causing a

number of casualties. At 1530 hrs leading coys. were held up by

M.G. fire from S.18.d.N.E. of ROUTE DE LA FLAQUETTE also from

LOCQUIRNOL and left flank. Attempted to advance again at dusk.

A coy. did splendid work, advancing under heavy M.G. fire.

C.S.M.Brett led a platoon patrol forward and captured 5 enemy

M.G.s and killed one team. As the Battalions on our right and left

had not got forward and M.G. fire was still coming from the flanks

the leading coys. were unable to continue the advance.

The Battalion eventually took up positions in front of the ROUTE DE LA FLAQUETTE. 'D' and 'A' coys. in front – 'C' coy. in support – 'B' coy. in reserve with B.H.Q.

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WILLIAM POOK WOUNDED AND DIED NOVEMBER 4th

PEACE – THE ARMISTICE

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ECLAIBES

Nov 10th

Remained at ECLAIBES. Day spent in cleaning up. Concert in evening.

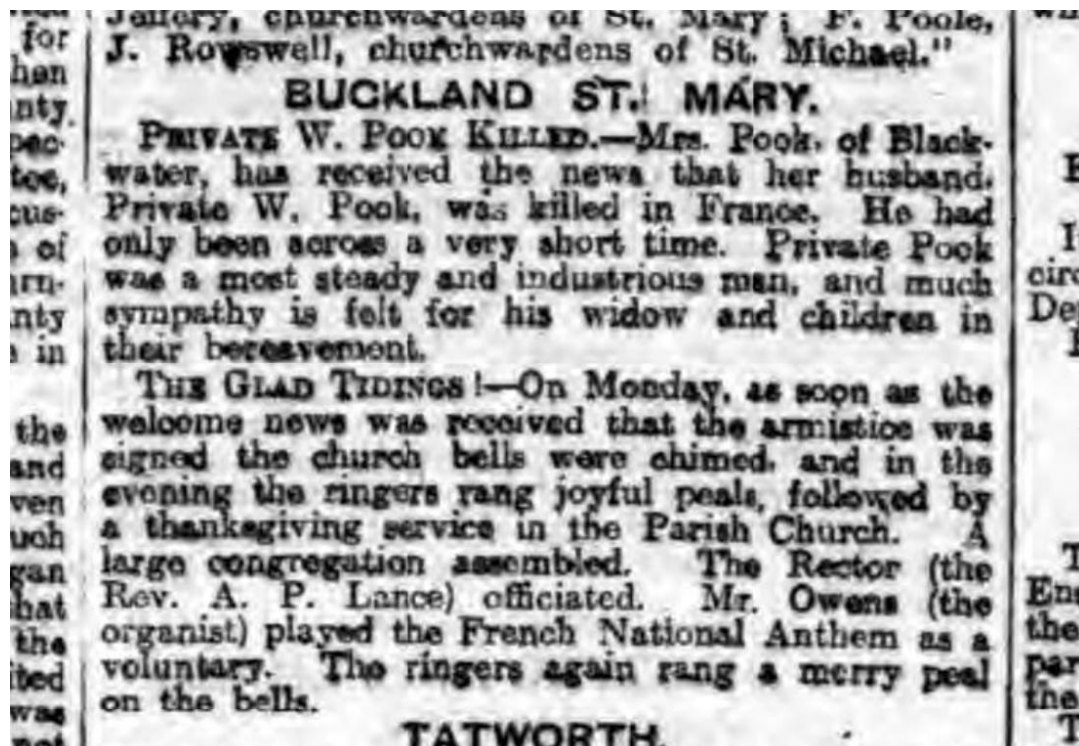
At 1930 hrs. warning order received that the Battalion would move about 0800 hrs. on the 11th inst. – Operation Orders received at 2250 hrs.

Brigade would move to BERLAIMONT starting 1020 hrs.

Nov 11th

At 0830 hrs message from Brigade stating that Armistice would commence at 1100 hrs. Battalion paraded at 0945 hrs. 3 cheers

given for the King. Arrived BERLAIMENT at 1300 hrs. – Billets fair.



The Courier, 20 November 1918

WILLIAM POOK JUNIOR - SCHOOL RECORD**BUCKLAND ST MARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS REGISTER**

1133 WILLIAM POOK

Admitted	17/6/11 (11 June 1917)
Father	-----
Address	Blackwater
Occupation	Farmer
Birth	1912/6/8 (8 June 1912) – This matches his birth certificate
Date of leaving	18/12/2 (2 Dec 1918)

His father William Pook was killed 4 Nov 1918.

The family were living at Blackwater in March 1914 when his brother Francis was born.

William senior was working at Colley Farm in July 1917 when Tom House of Colley appealed for him (appeal adjourned by 4 July).



PHOTO (AND THOSE THAT FOLLOW) BY SARAH BADDELEY, DECEMBER 1917





MEMORIAL AT COVE





