ERNEST LOVE, Private 37857 Cheshire Regt Private 34000, 57 Agr.Cov., Labour Corps

The Absent Voters' List locates Ernest Love in Little Hill, Buckland St Mary in 1918, but no other Loves can be found living there earlier, nor in 1911, neither does his name occur in the School Register or its Roll of Honour. His connection with Buckland is thus elusive. The only possible Ernest Love we found was born in Chard in 1889, part of a family that ran a motor cycle business and a pub, in Old Town, Chard. But this was Ernest Victor Love who went, it appears, into the RFC.



Ernest's Medal Roll Index card is clear enough, and ties in with the information on the Absent Voters' list.

The 18th and 19th Btns of the Cheshire Regt were formed in the Spring of 1916; they left for France in April and May. The Labour Corps as a separate entity was founded in early 1917; the 18th Btn of the Cheshires became the 57th Labour Company. These companies didn't keep War Diaries, thus removing one possible source of additional information.

Previously the Labour Companies' tasks had been carried out by the Pioneer Battalions – making, moving, building, but also serving as back-up to front line troops in an emergency – and getting killed. Soldiers tended to get moved into the Labour Corps and the Agricultural Companies after returning from leave after being wounded or ill. They tended to be looked down on as second class citizens, but 'do we not bleed...?'.

The Roll listing his entitlement to the British War Medal and the Victory medal is marked "BW & VM retd" – the medals were sent to him after the war, but, for some reason, returned. Can he have emigrated?

With so little information about Ernest's personal life it's not been possible to trace those other life-markers – birth, marriage, death.

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180	Dabinett, Harold Edwin	Post Office	Bgd., 91, York St., Westminster	
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190	Walter, Richard John	Grange House	A.S.C.	190
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191	Berry, William Devonport	Pinnevs	4454 Tpr., Gds. M.G.C.	191
192		Little Forest	500078 Pte., 652 Agri. Cov.,	192
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193	Durman, Frederick Edwin	Redric Hill	620296 Gnr., 18th Bde. R.H.A.	193
194	Durman, William John	Redric Hill	108305, R.F.C.	194
195	Fayter, John	Coomsbury	27698, D.C.L.I.	195
196	Fayter, William Henry	Coomsbury Farm	72503 Pte., 31st Middx. Rgt.	196
197	Goodland, Ernest	Newtown	205262 Pte., 3rd Bn., Bedford	197
198	Greenslade, Cecil	Moorsick	95702 Gnr., Tank Cps., Alexandria	198
199	Greenslade Richard	Moorsick	Lieut., R.F.C.	199
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200	Hardwell, James	Trott's Castle	R/3577, A.B. Drake Bn., R.N.D.	200
201	Harris, Thomas	Beehive Farm	120096 Pnr., 370 For. Coy., R.E.	201
202	Hoare, Gilbert	Lower Blindmoor	1994 Pte., 1st Royal Marines, R.N.D.	202
203	Hooper, Sydney Arthur	Castle Comfort	26759 Pte., 3rd S.L.I.	203
204	Hooper, Walter Robert	Castle Comfort	K/9742 Str., R.N., H.M.S. "Marlborough"	204
205	Knight, Arthur	Coal Furze	94224 Pte., 221 Coy., M.G.C.	205
206	0	Meanwood	13835 Pte., S.L.I.	206
207		Laurel Cottage	61134 Pte., 187th Cov., M.G.C.	207
208		Laurel Cottage	230447 S.Q.M.S., 1/1st Dorset Yeo.	208
209	Love, Ernest	Little Hill	34000 Pte., 57 Agr. Cov., Lab. Cps.	209
210		Eagle Tavern	266175, Devon Rgt.	210
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213		Castle Farm	17238 Pte., 457th Agri. Coy., Lab. Cps.	213
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21		Keat's Mill	202170 Pte., 2/4th Bn., S.L.I.	215
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194	Durman, William John	Redric Hill	108305, R.F.C.	194
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209	Love, Ernest	Little Hill	34000 Pte., 57 Agr. Coy., Lab. Cps.	209
210	Manning, James Henry	Eagle Tavern	266175 Cpl., 1/6th Devon Rgt., No. 2 Wireless Sqdn., L. of C., Mesop.	210
211	Manning, William John	Eagle Tavern	266297, Devon Rgt.	211
212	Millman, Cecil Richard	Castle Farm	226190, R.F.A., 4th Training Depot, India	212
213	Millman, Horace John	Castle Farm	17238 Pte., 457th Agri. Coy., Lab. Cps.	213
214	Shire, Alfred Edward	Swaddle's Green	22450, 1st S.L.I.	214
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