

**ERNEST LOVE, Private 37857 Cheshire Regt**  
**Private 34000, 57 Agr.Coy., 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.

Name.		Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
LOVE		Ches R Lab C	Pte.	37857 34000
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Ernest's Medal Roll Index card is clear enough, and ties in with the information on the Absent Voters' list.

The 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> Btn of the Cheshires became the 57<sup>th</sup> 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 ret'd" – 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.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## ABSENT VOTERS' LIST. YEOVIL DIVISION.

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1	2	3	4	5
No.	Names in Full (Surname first).	Qualifying Premises.	Description of Service, Ship, Regiment, Number, Rank, Rating, etc., or recorded address.	No.
PARISH OF KINGWESTON.				
177	Dickinson, William Francis	Kingweston House	Capt., 1st Garr. Batt., Hants. Regt.	177
178	Charlton, Cuthbert Henry	Lower Street	41337 Pte., 1st Batt., D.C.L.I.	178
179	Charlton, William John	North Park	Stoker 41228 R.N., H.M.S. "Lupen"	179
180	Dabinett, Harold Edwin	Post Office	49583 Co.Q.M.S., M.G.C., 2nd Div. Bgd., 91, York St., Westminster	180
181	Merriott, Colin	Lower Street	27619 Sig., 10th Bn., K. Shrops. L.I.	181
182	Sawtell, Ellis John	Middle Farm	Sec.-Lt., King's Royal Rifles	182
183	Stenson, Sidney	High Street	47043 Pte., 15th Bn., E. Lancs. Regt.	183
184	Tapnell, Thomas William	The Lodge, Kingweston	208176 Pte., 25th Middx. Regt.	184
185	Willcox, Ralph	Lower Street	13545 Pte. 10th Devons	185

## BUCKLAND ST. MARY Polling District (C).

### PARISH OF BUCKLAND ST. MARY.

186	Every, Tom	Meanwood	26862 Pte., 4th S.W.B.	186
187	Hooper, James	Cross	527939 Pte., 652 Agri. Coy., Lab. Cps.	187
188	Pook, William	Blackwater	Dorset Rgt.	188
189	Spiller, Thomas John	Bugg's Moor	47372 7th W. Riding Rgt., E.C., No. 2 R.F.	189
190	Walter, Richard John Kenneth	Grange House	A.S.C.	190
191	Berry, William Devonport	Pinneys	4454 Tpr., Gds. M.G.C.	191
192	Collins, Wilfred Edgar	Little Forest	500078 Pte., 652 Agri. Coy., Lab. Cps.	192
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 Samuel	Moorsick	Lieut., R.F.C.	199
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	Knight, Samuel	Meanwood	13835 Pte., S.L.I.	206
207	Lang, Albert Charles	Laurel Cottage	61134 Pte., 187th Coy., M.G.C.	207
208	Lang, William Henry	Laurel Cottage	230447 S.Q.M.S., 1/1st Dorset Yeo.	208
209	Love, Ernest	Little Hill	34000 Pte., 57 Agr. Coy., Lab. Cps.	209
210	Manning, James Henry	Eagle Tavern	266175, Devon Rgt.	210
211	Manning, William John	Eagle Tavern	266297, Devon Rgt.	211
212	Millman, Cecil Richard	Castle Farm	226190, R.F.A.	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
215	Wyatt, Charlie	Keat's Mill	202170 Pte., 2/4th Bn., S.L.I.	215
216	Wyatt, Harry	Keat's Mill	(Discharged)	216



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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
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# Probably the wrong man?

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NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE last birthday	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
John Love	Head	48	M	Married 27	Motor & Cycle Mechanic	Own account	England	
Elizabeth Love	Wife	46	F	Married 27			England	
Edna P. Love	Daughter	24	F	Single			England	
Edmund P. Love	Son	21	M	Single			England	
Reginald P. Love	Son	16	M	Single			England	
Frederick P. Love	Son	14	M	Single			England	
Edmund P. Love	Daughter	12	F	Single			England	
Edmund P. Love	Son	10	M	Single			England	
Edmund P. Love	Daughter	7	F	Single			England	

(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)

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by the Enumerator.

Signature: *John Love*

Post Address: *10, Victoria Road, Chert.*

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ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and the British War Medal granted under Army Orders 301 & 266.

of 1919.

Regt. No.	Rank	NAME	REGT. NOS. AND DUTIES PERFORMED FROM PREVIOUSLY SERVED REGT. Regt. No. and Rank in war as entry into theatre of war.	Theatres of war in which served								Chaps awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations	REMARKS
				From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To			
33998	Pte.	LOCKE ERNEST.	37924. Pte.	0	10/15									
			Chas.R.											
33999	Pte.	LONGSTAFFE THOMAS DAVENPORT.	37928. Pte.	0	10/15									
			Chas.R.											
34000	Pte.	LOVE ERNEST.	37957. Pte.	0	10/15									
			Chas.R.											
34001	Pte.	LONG ALFRED.	61337. Pte.	0	10/15									
			Chas.R.											
34002	Pte.	MAIDEN ROBERT.	37722. Pte.	0	10/15									
			Chas.R.											
34003	Cpl.	MARE WILLIAM GEORGE.	37721. Cpl.	0	10/15									
			Chas.R.											
34004	Pte.	MATHIAS DAVID.	37758. Pte.	0	10/15									
			Chas.R.											
34005	Sgt.	MATKEY BENJAMIN.	37719. Sgt.	0	10/15									
			Chas.R.											
34006	Pte.	MERRILL JOHN.	37859. Pte.	0	10/15									
			Chas.R.											
34007	Pte.	MILLS WILLIAM.	37958. Pte.	0	10/15									
			Chas.R.											

Place  
Date

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or Medals as detailed above.

FOR COLONEL I/O LABOUR CORPS RECORD

Signature and rank of Officer certifying.