

## ERNEST COPHAM, Private 25517 1<sup>st</sup> Somerset Light Infantry

Trying to disentangle fact from fiction about the Copham family has proved tricky. Ernest's parents emerge as presiding over a deeply dysfunctional and troubled family. Ernest, christened Frederick Ernest at Holy Trinity, Taunton on November 14 1891, was the son of Kate Florence Lowton, a machinist. In August 1892 Kate married Theophilus Copham at the same church. Was Ernest his son? We can't know, but his name changes from Lowton to Copham.

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1892 Marriage solemnized at <i>Holy Trinity Church</i> in the <i>Parish of Holy Trinity Taunton</i> in the County of <i>Somerset</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
103	August 28 1892	<i>Theophilus Copham</i> <i>Kate Florence Lowton</i>	25 25	<i>Bachelor</i> <i>Spinster</i>	<i>Labourer</i> <i>Machinist</i>	<i>92 East Beach</i> <i>92 East Beach</i>	<i>John Copham</i> <i>Charles Lowton</i> <i>Deceased</i>	<i>Fishing Tackle</i> <i>Manufacturer</i>

Married in the *Church of the Holy Trinity* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by, after *Banns* by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Theophilus Copham* in the Presence of us, *Walter Gadd* *Emily Gadd* *P. C. Nash* Curate

In 1888 Kate had had a son Frederick William Charles (yes, another Frederick, a name he seems to have stuck with); in 1891 she was living with him and 'John Lowton', a tailor, in Bridgwater; John can't be traced; Kate's maiden name we know was Lowton. On April 15 1893, Charles, son of Kate and Theophilus, was christened at Holy Trinity, but died later that year. In December 1894 another son, Edward John, was born to them. The family were living at 3 Court, King Street in Taunton – not a good location.

Theophilus was in and out of gaol for petty crimes; in *The Courier* of December 1899 he's sent to gaol for 2 months for desertion – 'his wife and children had been chargeable to the Taunton Union during the past three and a half years'. After this he, Kate and Edward vanish completely – we cannot trace them. The Police Superintendent dealing with the desertion case commented that the police 'had done their best to serve the warrant on the prisoner ever since it was issued, but he was an adept at hiding'. Kate and the three children (Frederick, Ernest and Edward) had been admitted to Taunton Workhouse on May 8 1896.

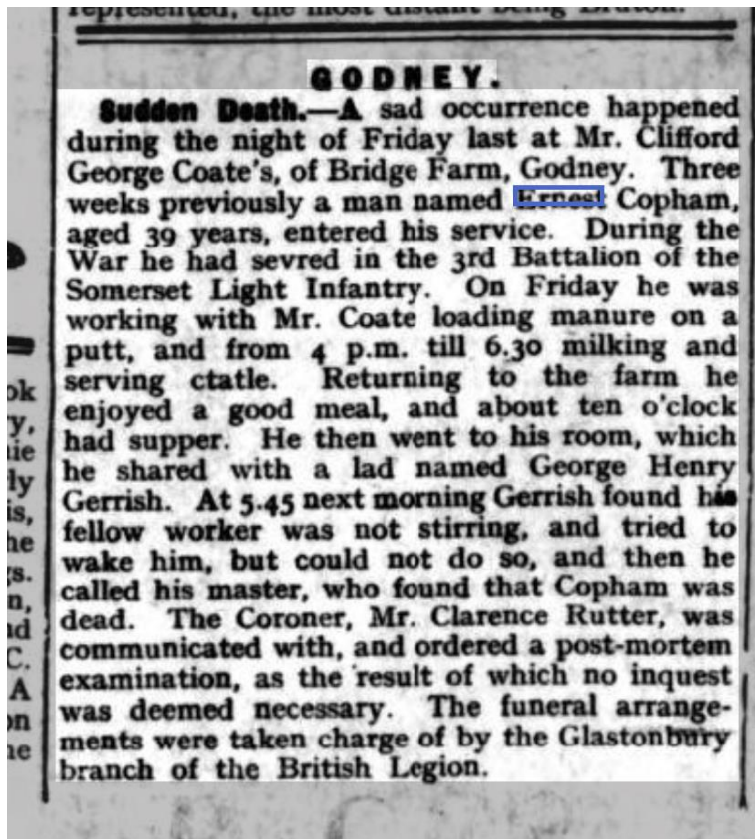
At the 1901 Census Frederick aged 13 and Ernest aged 10 are on their own in Taunton Workhouse; most of their fellow inmates are elderly. It seems a harsh fate.

By 1911 it begins to seem that they are perhaps more resilient – or more honest – than their parents. Frederick, now 22, is living in Cheddon Fitzpaine, the head of his household, with two lodgers. Ernest, now 19 (their ages are a bit elastic) is boarding with a family in St Andrews Road in Taunton and helps 'in Poultry & Fruit Farm'. For 'Place of Birth' he 'says he does not know the place of Birth but it was in Somerset'. Mr Phillips, the Head of the Household is 'a Traveller for Brick & Tile & Coal & Manure & Cake Merchants'. This fact, and the job Ernest was doing must be the link with Buckland St Mary – we can find no other. One can imagine that Mr Phillips may have helped him find another job further up the hill.

Ernest is not on the Absent Voters Register for Buckland St Mary after the War, nor at Buckland St Mary School nor on their School Roll of Honour.

Come the War, Ernest was called up to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the SLI. Their Muster Roll and Casualty list for WWI survives, and we learn that he embarked for France on September 9 1916, joining the Battalion on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He was admitted to No12 Field Ambulance with diarrhoea on January 1 1917, and admitted to the General Hospital on the 11<sup>th</sup> as NYD 'Not Yet Diagnosed', and sent back to England on the 18<sup>th</sup>. What happened then is not clear, but on the list of those entitled to the Victory Medal it's noted that he was discharged to the Z Reserve on 4.10.19 when he was an Acting Lance Corporal. His brother Frederick is listed next to him on the same roll.

We have no knowledge of what happened to Ernest when he left the forces. The final chapter is found in two news reports of 1930. They cover the same story, but *The Wells Gazette* adds that Ernest had been working for 'Mr R. Bruford of Nerrols, Taunton, former MP for the Wells Division. He served in the war in the Somerset L.I. and was badly gassed.'



*Central Somerset Gazette*

His brother Frederick lived to be 82, dying in Taunton in 1971. In 1939 he was working as a gardener, living in Galmington Road with his wife Alice.



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274			Henry Burton	Head	Mar	72	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Elizabeth	Wife	Mar	34	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Robert	Son	12	12	Schoolboy	St. Pancras				
			William	Son	10	10	Schoolboy	St. Pancras				
			Ann	Daughter	8	8	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Robert	Son	1	1	Domestic	St. Pancras				
275			Richard Kemp	Head	Mar	44	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Elizabeth	Wife	Mar	44	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Richard	Son	Mar	14	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Edward	Son	Mar	14	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Eliza Kemp	Daughter	Mar	26	Domestic	St. Pancras				
276			John Scapula	Head	Mar	44	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Sarah	Wife	Mar	56	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			John	Son	Mar	14	Domestic	St. Pancras				
277			John Caplan	Head	Mar	44	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Emily	Wife	Mar	54	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			William	Son	Mar	14	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Elizabeth	Son	Mar	14	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			William	Son	Mar	14	Domestic	St. Pancras				
278	11 Eden Street	1	John	Head	Mar	44	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Elizabeth	Wife	Mar	44	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			John	Son	Mar	14	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Elizabeth	Son	Mar	14	Domestic	St. Pancras				
			Henry	Son	Mar	14	Domestic	St. Pancras				
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NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE last Birthday	SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of every person		BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person	INFORMITY
				Married	Single	Profession or Occupation	Trade or Service			
John Phillips	Head	40	M	Married	15	4	2	London	English	
Fanny Phillips	Wife	36	F	Married	13	9	4	London	English	
Elizabeth Phillips	Daughter	11	F	Single				London	English	
William Phillips	Son	10	M	Single				London	English	
Charles Phillips	Son	8	M	Single				London	English	
Harry Phillips	Son	5	M	Single				London	English	
Edward Phillips	Son	3	M	Single				London	English	
Ernest Phillips	Son	19	M	Single				London	English	

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

Signature: *John Phillips*

Post Address: *11 Eden Street, St. Pancras, London*



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No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (G.U.A. or other title)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION	AGE of Male Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	1. Deaf-Blind & Idiotic	2. Blind & Idiotic	3. Deaf-Blind & Idiotic
137	1 Hills Crest High St.	1	Henry Thompson	Head	Mar.	63	Shunt maker	St. Clements			
			Ann D <sup>o</sup>	Wife	Mar.	59		St. Clements			
			Lucy Fole	Daughter	Mar.	36	Polishers wife	St. Clements			
			Emma Torpy	Daughter	Mar.	30	Shoemaker's wife	St. Clements			
			James Thompson	Son	Unmar.	25	Bookbinder	St. Clements			
			John D <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unmar.	21		St. Clements			
			Henry D <sup>o</sup>	Daughter	Unmar.	23	Shoemaker's Machine	St. Clements			
			Emma Torpy	Granddaughter		14		St. Clements			
138	2 Mary Street	1	Frederick D <sup>o</sup>	Head	Mar.	40	Retired Draper & Undertaker	St. Clements			
			Charlotte Taylor	Wife	Mar.	35		St. Clements			
			William D <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unmar.	50	Shoemaker	St. Clements			
139	3 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. John	1	James Briggs	Head	Mar.	44	Publican	St. Clements			
			Elizabeth D <sup>o</sup>	Wife	Mar.	44		St. Clements			
			Laura T D <sup>o</sup>	Daughter	Unmar.	20	Dressmaker	St. Clements			
			Walter D <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unmar.	14	Scholar	St. Clements			
140	4 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1	Emmanuel Buckton	Head	Mar.	48	Masson	St. Clements			
			Elizabeth D <sup>o</sup>	Wife	Mar.	48		St. Clements			
			Charles D <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unmar.	18	Printer Compositor (Apprentice)	St. Clements			
			Frederick D <sup>o</sup>	Daughter	Unmar.	15	Milliner (Apprentice)	St. Clements			
			Frederick D <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unmar.	10	Scholar	St. Clements			
			Albert D <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unmar.	5		St. Clements			
			Henry D <sup>o</sup>	Daughter	Unmar.	3		St. Clements			
			Edith D <sup>o</sup>	Daughter	Unmar.	3		St. Clements			
141	5 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1	John Gephart	Head	Mar.	63	Fishing and net maker	St. Clements			
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			Emily M. Capham	Wife	Mar.	43	Dressmaker	Emmet - London	
			Robert J. 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	19	Bookbinder - compositor	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			Robert B. 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	18	Bookbinder	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			Robert M. 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	10	Bookbinder	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			Robert J. 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	15	Bookbinder	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			Robert M. 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	13	2 <sup>o</sup>	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			George M. 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	11	2 <sup>o</sup>	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			Robert J. 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	10	Schooler	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			William 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	9	2 <sup>o</sup>	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			William 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	8	2 <sup>o</sup>	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			James 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	6	2 <sup>o</sup>	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			Thomas 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	3	2 <sup>o</sup>	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			Robert 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	2	2 <sup>o</sup>	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
142	6 Mary Street	1	James Parker	Head	Mar.	38	Saddlery-maker	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			Elizabeth 2 <sup>o</sup>	Wife	Mar.	35	Dressmaker	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			John 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	15	Bookbinder - compositor	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
			Thomas 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	13	Schooler	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
143	7 Tolson's Alley	1	Alfred George	Head	Mar.	26	Lampglass-managing Clerk	2 <sup>o</sup> Kingston	
			Adelaide E. 2 <sup>o</sup>	Wife	Mar.	25		2 <sup>o</sup> Holborn	
			Adelaide A. 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	3		2 <sup>o</sup> London	
			Edith B. 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	1		2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>	
144	8 2 <sup>o</sup>	1	Robert Hobland	Head	Unm.	46	House owner	2 <sup>o</sup> Walsingham	
145	9 2 <sup>o</sup>	1	Samuel Robinson	Head	Unm.	44	Bookbinder-managing Clerk	2 <sup>o</sup> London	
146	10 2 <sup>o</sup>	1	George J. Giles	Head	Unm.	34	Compositor	2 <sup>o</sup> Walsingham	
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147	Whitehall	1	Francis Patten	Wife	Mar.	30	Dressmaker	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>			
			Charles Patten	Son	Mar.	28	Bookbinder	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>			
			Robert 2 <sup>o</sup>	Son	Unm.	18	Bookbinder	2 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup>			
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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *St. James*  
in the County of *Monmouth* in the Year 1867

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1867. September. No. 9.	Charles	Henry vs Mary	Southworth	Local Orchard	Laborer	W. P. Redfern
1 <sup>st</sup> September. No. 10.	Stephen	John vs Emily	Coptham	High Street St. Mary's Worcester	Working Man	W. P. Redfern
1 <sup>st</sup> September. No. 11.	Elizabeth Ann	Stephen vs Ann	Downs	St. James's Chapel	Palmerman	W. P. Redfern
8 <sup>th</sup> September. No. 12.	Charles	William vs Harriet	Leathbury	High Street St. Mary's Worcester	Postman	Wardell
8 <sup>th</sup> September. No. 13.	John	William vs Harriet	Leathbury	High Street St. Mary's Worcester	Postman	Wardell
8 <sup>th</sup> September. No. 14.	John	William vs Harriet	Leathbury	High Street St. Mary's Worcester	Postman	Wardell
6 <sup>th</sup> September. No. 15.	Joseph	Joseph vs Mary	Doaketh	St. James's Place	Laborer	Wardell
22 <sup>nd</sup> September. No. 16.	James	John vs Mary	Doaketh	St. James's Place	Laborer	Wardell

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		Christian.	Surname.			
1867. September. No. 17.	Frederick James	Joseph vs Mary Ann	Radcliffe	Local Orchard	Worcester	W. P. Redfern
29 <sup>th</sup> September. No. 18.	William Charles	William vs Jane	Radcliffe	St. James's Place	Worcester	W. P. Redfern
6 <sup>th</sup> October. No. 19.	John	John vs Elizabeth	Radcliffe	St. James's Place	Laborer	Wardell
6 <sup>th</sup> October. No. 20.	Charles	John vs Jane	Radcliffe	St. James's Place	Laborer	Wardell
13 <sup>th</sup> October. No. 21.	Edward George	Alfred vs Mary Ann	Gibbs	Local Orchard	Laborer	W. P. Redfern
27 <sup>th</sup> October. No. 22.	Elizabeth Jane	James vs Sarah Jane	Jarr	St. James's Place	Worcester	W. P. Redfern
5 <sup>th</sup> November. No. 23.	Alfred James	James vs Annie	Spiller	St. James's Place	Laborer	Wardell
18 <sup>th</sup> November. No. 24.	James	John vs Ellen	Doaketh	St. James's Place	Laborer	W. P. Redfern



BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *Holy Trinity Toronto*  
in the County of *Somersetshire* in the Year 1891

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1891 Nov. 4 No. 129	Henry Josiah Foster	Richard Harriet Lavinia	Marsh	No. 4 Ct. E. Reach	Hawker	Rev. P. L. C. Nash (Curate).
1891 Nov. 13 No. 130	Frederic Ernest	Katz Florence	Lowton	92 E. Reach	Machinist	Edward A. Buddet Vicar.
1891 Nov. 15 No. 131	Percy Horace	John Mary Anna	Pridde	147 East Reach	Labourer	Edward A. Buddet Vicar.
1891 Nov. 16 No. 132	Elisabeth	Charles Sarah Louise	Worley	No. 14 Ct. East Reach	Labourer	Edward A. Buddet Vicar.
1891 Dec. 3 No. 133	Violet Gertrude Emily	Frederick Maud Harriet	Westcott	4 Cottages Row Holway Lane		Edward A. Buddet Vicar.
1891 Dec. 8 No. 134	Hilda Mabel Gladys	Henry Charles Anne Jane	Goddard	3 Trinity Street	Printer Compositor	Rev. P. L. C. Nash Curate
1891 Dec. 13 No. 135	Walter	Charles Cecilia Mary	Morgan	1 Trinity Ters.	Barrack Sergeant	Edward A. Buddet Vicar.
1891 Dec. 20 No. 136	Walter	Fred. Mary Jane	Pomeroy	12 Ct. E. Reach	Labourer	Rev. P. L. C. Nash Curate

H.W.S.

K.F.L.

Henry Pridde  
Jane  
Vicar

Elisabeth  
Widger  
S.R.W.

Private

C. M.  
C. M.  
John  
Place

F. P.  
James  
James  
James



1892 Marriage solemnized at <i>Holy Trinity Church</i> in the <i>Parish of Holy Trinity Taunton</i> in the County of <i>Somerset</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
103	August 29	<i>Theophilus Copham</i>	25	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	<i>92 East Reach</i>	<i>John Copham</i>	<i>Fishing Tackle Manufacturer</i>
	1892	<i>Mate Florence Loupton</i>	25	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>Machinist</i>	<i>92 East Reach</i>	<i>Charles Loupton</i>	<i>Ironfounder</i>
Married in the <i>Church of Holy Trinity</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by, <i>of after</i> <i>Barrad</i> by me, <i>P. C. Ross</i> Curate This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>Theophilus Copham</i> in the Presence of us, <i>Walter Gadd</i> <i>Emily Gadd</i>								

the evidence of P. C. Barrad, she was absent 35 and 15 costs, in default 14 days.

A WIFE DESERTER SENT TO GAOL.—*Theophilus Copham*, labourer, late of Taunton, was charged with deserting his wife and three children.—Mr. W. F. B. Dawe, clerk to the Taunton Guardians, who prosecuted, said a warrant for the prisoner's arrest was issued as long ago as May, 1896, but the police were not able to find him till last Saturday, when he was discharged from Shepton Mallet Gaol, where he had undergone sentence for another offence. Immediately on his release prisoner was re-arrested on the present charge.—Mr. Dawe asked the Bench to deal severely with the prisoner as his wife and children had been chargeable to the Taunton Union during the past three and a half years.—Superintendent Durham said the police had done their best to serve the warrant on the prisoner ever since it was issued, but he was an adept at hiding.—Prisoner was sent to gaol for two months.

VACCINATION.—*Henry Samuel Cottrell*, plumber of

considered to be very dangerous, but no trial was had by the jury.

#### BRIDGWATER.

At the borough police court on Monday, *Theophilus Copham*, labourer, of Taunton, was brought up in custody, charged with stealing a watch and chain, value £1 10s, the property of *Henry Nelson Hawkins*, labourer, of Weston-super-Mare. Prisoner pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 21 days' hard labour.

#### CHEDDAR.

On Sunday special collections were taken at the Parish Church after each service in aid of the fund

QUARRELSOME ON LICENSED PREMISES.

Theophilus *Copham* was summoned for having on the 1st July been quarrelsome on the licensed premises of Isaac Billett, and refusing to quit the same premises when requested by the landlord. Defendant was further charged with having, at the same time and place, done damage to a pane of glass and a door, to the extent of 1s 3d.—Defendant pleaded guilty to each charge.—Isaac Billett, landlord of the Telegraph Inn, Bridge-street, said on the evening in question defendant came to his premises and sat down in a chair without calling for anything. He was not drunk. Two other men were there joking. Defendant took off his coat to fight them. Witness told him he could not allow fighting, and requested him to clear out. Upon defendant refusing to go, witness put him outside the front door. Defendant turned round and struck at him. Witness was standing sideways, and the defendant's fist passed by him and smashed a pane of glass in the door. If he had not been standing sideways the blow would have struck him.—A fine of 6s 3d including costs was inflicted. Time was allowed in which to pay the money.





# DEATH AT GODNEY.

## DEATH OF FARM LABOURER.

**Ernest** Copham, of Bridge Farm, Godney, was found dead in bed, on Saturday morning.

Deceased, who was a farm labourer and aged 39 was employed by Mr. Clifford George Coate, of Bridge Farm. He was about as usual on Friday and returned to the farm at about 6.30 in the evening. He had a meal and sat in the house until 10 o'clock. He went upstairs and spoke to George Henry Gerrish, another farm employee, with whom he slept. Early next morning Gerrish tried to wake deceased but could not do so. He went for Mr. Coate, who went into the bedroom and found deceased dead.

Copham had been working for Mr. Coate for about three weeks. He was formerly employed by Mr. R. Bruford, of Nerrols, Taunton, former M.P. for the Wells Division. He served in the war in the Somerset L.I. and was badly gassed.

Name.		Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
COPHAM.		Som. L.I.	Pte.	25517
Ernest.				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	6/2/102B4	490.		
BATHON				
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Theatre of War first served in				
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Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
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Frederick. W.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
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				3	HEWLETT Ada V	F	22/11	04	D	Glove maker					
				4	SHUNDERS Dorothy M	F	3/11	08	38	Shirt machiner					
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				2	HALL Emily A	F	11/11	94	M	U Domestic D					
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				5	DANBY Albert E	M	29/10	63	H	Library Assistant (Ret)					
89	"	"	39	1	KEVER Henry B	M	6/11	82	M	Boiler Smith loco Running					
				2	KEVER Alice A	F	4/11	82	M	Unpaid D Duties					
				3	KEVER Emily F	F	20/11	19	5	Hotel Patient Sister					
91	"	"	40	1	ROGER Austin H	M	12/11	13	M	Telecommunications Kinsman					
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				2	WHITING PRINCE B	M	8/11	13	S	PRINTERS					
				3	WHITING James E	M	21/11	18	S	General Labourer					
95	"	"	42	1	QUINNELL Robert H	M	21/11	86	M	Gen Room Orderly					
				2	QUINNELL Kate	F	20/11	86	M	U Domestic D					
				3	QUINNELL Phyllis M	F	20/11	20	S	collar machiner					
				4	QUINNELL Dennis M	M	19/11	24	S	At school					
1	GALMINGTON RD		43	1	PODGE Alice M	F	15/11	85	H	U Domestic D					
				2	PODGE Reginald H	M	27/11	10	S	Windows Cleaner					
				3	PODGE Margaret J	F	22/11	25	S	Factory Press Room					
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				3	JONES William M	F	1/11	04	S	Housekeeper					
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				2	HILL Bessie B	F	25/11	91	M	U Domestic D					
6	"	"	48	1	TUCKER William H	M	8/11	92	M	General Labourer					
				2	TUCKER Mabel	F	1/11	04	M	U Domestic D					