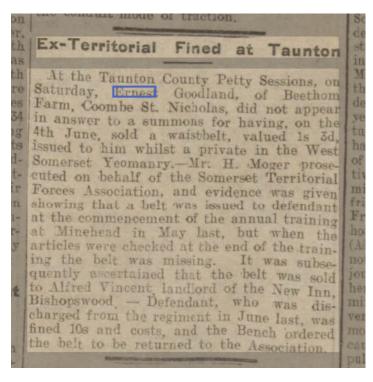
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Ernest was born in Yarcombe in 1890, the seventh son of Henry and Isabella Goodland, then farming at Foxenholes, Bishopswood. The family was completed by sister Dora, 4 years younger than Ernest. Henry, a dealer as well as a farmer, was in 1897 (when his son James was christened) Innkeeper at the Eagle Tavern. He died in 1898 aged 46. The family were still at Foxenholes in 1901, but by 1911 they had moved to Beetham, Combe St Nicholas. Three of the boys (including Ernest) and Dora were living and working at home on the farm.

It appears that Ernest served in the West Somerset Territorials, and there's a report in *The Western Times* of October 1910 of what now seems a slightly ludicrous incident of him leaving Camp with an army belt which he then sold to the landlord of the New Inn in Bishopswood.

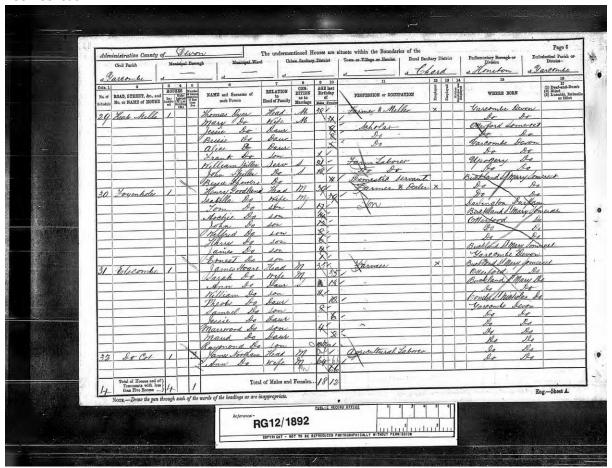


Our next glimpse of Ernest is in the Army, with two Regimental Numbers, in the 2/4th Somerset Light Infantry and then in the 3rd Battalion the Bedfordshire Regiment. Without further information one cannot be sure, but it seems likely that he was not called up until 1916. In 1919 he's still on the Absent Voters' Register, his address given as Newtown in both the 1918 and 1919 Registers. The British War Medal Roll is dated December 6th 1919, maybe marking the date of his leaving the Army.

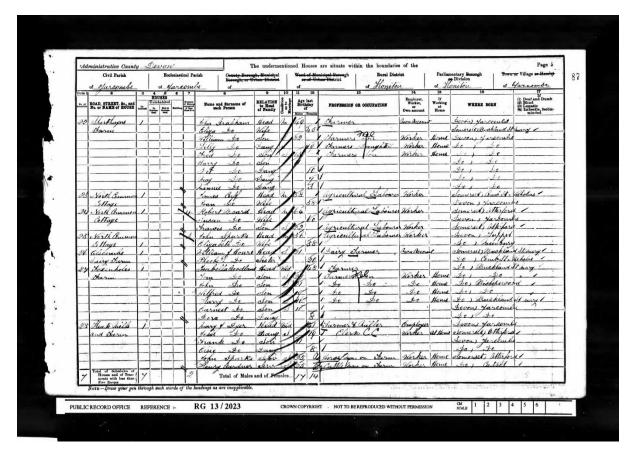
We can find no record of his marriage; in the 1939 Register, still single, he's living in Bishopswood, his employment 'General Farm Duties'. His date of birth is given as February 23 1889, whereas in fact he was born in 1890; we assume this to be a clerical (or counting!) error. He died in the Honiton area in the winter of 1950, aged 60.

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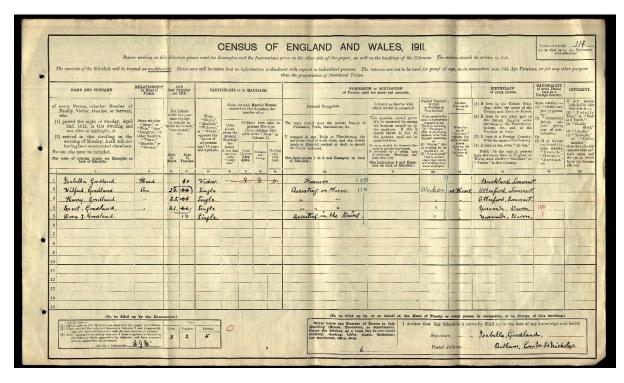
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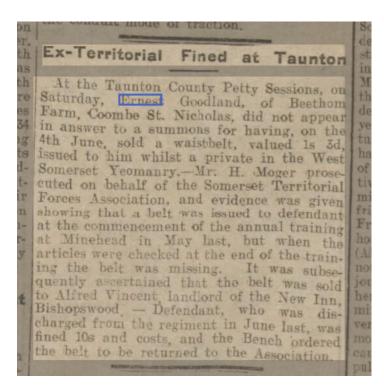


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