

**SAMUEL KNIGHT, Private 13835 1<sup>st</sup> Somerset Light Infantry**  
**Private 640447 Labour Corps**

Sam Knight was born in Buckland St Mary on September 9 1883, the youngest child in a family of 12. He was baptised in Buckland on November 4 that year, and went to school there, starting in May 1887 – which seems surprisingly young. His parents were John and Elizabeth Knight; when Samuel was born they were farming at Trotts Farm; by 1911 their address was still Trotts, with John working as a woodman, and Samuel (the only one still at home) as a quarryman.

Sam must have volunteered fairly early in the war – he was in France by March 24 1915. He had enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> SLI; their muster roll shows him returning to England on June 5 1916. There is no indication as to why – no information on wounds or illness. It was perhaps at this point that he was transferred to the Labour Corps; there are notes showing the award of his service medals; he was discharged to Class Z on March 4 1919. He's on the School's Roll of Honour, and appears in the 1918 Absent Voters list.

It's unclear whether he married; there is a marriage entry for the summer of 1922 in the Chard area, where a Samuel Knight married Helen Hunt. When Sam appears on the 1939 Register he is however living alone, and in rather odd circumstances, his address being given as "Shed in Farm Lane". This seems to be east of Castle View (now Castle Cross), not the Farm Lane where Higher Buckland Farm now is. He was described as "General labourer, hedger and road worker"; his status is Married. Sam died in the late summer of 1943.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish (or Township) of	Urban Sanitary District of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Modestly Sanitary District of	Page 7	
Buckhampton								46	
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (1) Not inhabited (2)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of Males Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
27	Blackburn	1	John Saunders	Head	Mar	48	ag lab	Devon Wiltsh	
			Lucy	Wife	Mar	38		Somerset B.I.H.	
28	do	1	Marshall	Head	Mar	38	ag lab	" "	
			John Wright	Head	Mar	38		" "	
			Elizabeth	Wife	Mar	40		" "	
			Lucy	Daughter	Mar	9	Schooler	" "	
			John	Son	Mar	8		" "	
			Emma	Daughter	Mar	4		" "	
			William	Son	Mar	2		" "	
29	do	1	Thomas Newton	Head	Mar	36	Farmer 12 acres	Somerset Dorset	
30	do	1	Elizabeth	Wife	Mar	33		" "	
			James	Son	Mar	16		" "	
			Emma Hutchings	Daughter	Mar	7	Schooler	" "	
31	do	1	John Luck	Head	Mar	22	Butcher	Dorset Somerset	
			Elizabeth	Wife	Mar	20		Somerset B.I.H.	
			William	Son	Mar	2		" "	
32	do	1	Elizabeth	Head	Mar	45	Thatcher	" "	
			John	Son	Mar	30		" "	
			Lucy	Daughter	Mar	14		" "	
5	Total of Houses...	5	Total of Males and Females...		8				

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Administration County of Somerset

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Rural Sanitary District

Parliamentary Borough or Division

Ecclesiastical Parish or District

Civil Parish

Municipal Borough

Urban Sanitary District

Rural Sanitary District

Parliamentary Borough or Division

Ecclesiastical Parish or District

Buckland St Mary

Buckland St Mary

Charlton

South Somerset

Buckland St Mary

Col. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. of Subdiv.	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of each Person	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employed	Unemployed	WHERE BORN	(1) Dead and Buried	(2) Living, Inmate or Alien			
76	6 Newmarket Cott	1	4. <u>Alfred B. B.</u>	Head	Wid.	72	Living on Parish Relief			Do. Buckland St Mary					
			John B. B.	Wid.	Wid.	72	Agricultural Laborer	X		Do. Buckland St Mary					
77	Thetford Farm	1	John B. B.	Head	M.	47	Farmer		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Elizabeth B.	Wife	M.	47			X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Samuel B.	Son	S.	16	Agricultural Laborer	X		Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Samuel B.	Son	S.	16	Scholar		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
78	Hylton Road	1	2. <u>John B. B.</u>	Head	M.	72	Farmer		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Mary B.	Wife	M.	72			X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Samuel B.	Son	S.	21	Farmer's Son		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Edna B.	Son	S.	16	General Servant Domestic		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
79	1 Blundell Cott	1	John B. B.	Head	M.	72	Road Contractor	X		Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Louisa B.	Wife	M.	68			X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
80	2 Do	1	Thomas B. B.	Head	M.	66	Letter Carrier, Laborer & Shop	X		Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Elizabeth B.	Wife	M.	64			X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
81	2 Do	1	2. <u>Mary Ann B. B.</u>	Head	Wid.	66	Living on the Poor's Money		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Mary B. B.	Son	M.	35	Charwoman		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			David B.	Son	S.	16	Scholar		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
82	3 Do	1	4. <u>William B. B.</u>	Head	M.	68	Farmer		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Grace B.	Wife	M.	68			X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			John B. B.	Wid.	M.	68	Living on Parish Relief		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			John B. B.	Wid.	M.	68	Scholar		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
83	4 Do	1	3. <u>Alfred B. B.</u>	Head	S.	26	Agricultural Laborer	X		Do. Buckland St Mary					
84	5 Do	1	3. <u>Thomas B. B.</u>	Head	S.	26	Do	X		Do. Buckland St Mary					
85	6 Do	1	4. <u>Alfred B. B.</u>	Head	M.	26	Farmer		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Beattie B.	Wife	M.	26			X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			Arthur B.	Son	M.	26			X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
86	7 Do	1	2. <u>Samuel B. B.</u>	Head	M.	26	Living on Parish Relief		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
87	8 Do	1	James B. B.	Head	M.	26	Gardener Domestic Servant		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
			John B.	Wife	M.	26	Needlewoman		X	Do. Buckland St Mary					
12	Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms ...	12	12	8	Total of Males and Females.	14	15								

Persons under 16 years of age are in parentheses.

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ROAD, STREET &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
NAME and BIRTHDAY of each Person	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
RELATION to Head of Family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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Name.		Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
KNIGHT		Som. L.I. Lab Corps	Pte.	13835 640447
Sam				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	26/10/13 257	26124	66 Z. 4.3.19	
BRITISH	do	do		
15 STAR	L.C/13 C <sup>2</sup>	145/11		
Theatre of War first served in		(1) France		
Date of entry therein		24.3.15		

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LABOUR CORPS. **Regiment or Corps when Decoration was earned.**

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ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Decoration granted under Army Order 20 of 1919 145/11

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	Regtl. No.	Rank					
SOM. L.I.					LABOUR CORPS.		
8	19613	Pte	CONEY JAMES WILLIAM	9.9.15(1)	639778 Pte Cl.Z 30.3.19.		076
7	11410	Pte	CHAPPEL CHARLES HENRY	24.7.15(1)	640444 Pte Cl.Z 19.2.19.		076
7	10561	Pte	COTTER CHARLES	24.7.15(1)	629239 Pte Cl.Z 23.3.19.		076
1	6926	Pte	CARTER WILLIAM C.	17.12.14(1)	622392 Pte Cl.Z 20.3.19.		076
8	19010	Pte	EAMES WILLIAM JOHN	4.10.15(1)	612638 Pte Cl.Z 5.3.19.		076
1	10936	Pte	ELLIOTT ARTHUR GEORGE	2.5.15(1)	639781 Pte Cl.Z 9.3.19.		076
3	7493	Pte	FORD JAMES W	9.6.15(1)	637774 Pte Cl.Z 24.5.19.		076
1	6851	Cpl	FOUND FRANK	11.12.14(1)	607188 Cpl Cl.Z 4.3.19.		076
6	17411	Pte	GOODALL ALBERT	18.8.15(1)	639308 Pte Disc 13.9.18.		076
6	18873	Pte	JOHN DANIEL THOMAS	18.8.15(1)	607647 Pte Disc 22.1.19.		076
1	13835	Pte	KNIGHT SAM	24.3.15(1)	640447 Pte Cl.Z 4.3.19.		076
8	16992	Pte	KING WILLIAM JAMES	9.9.15(1)	632372 Pte Disc 12.5.19.		076

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<u>SOMALI.</u>					LABOUR CORPS.		
8	19613	Pte	CONEY JAMES WILLIAM	9.9.15(1)	639778 Pte Cl.2 30.3.19.		OTB
7	11410	Pte	CHAFLE CHARLES HENRY	24.7.15(1)	640444 Pte Cl.2 19.2.19.		OTB
7	10561	Pte	COTTER CHARLES	24.7.15(1)	629239 Pte Cl.2 23.3.19.		OTB
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ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	O. V. S. P. or L.	M. or F.	BIRTH.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.
	No.	Sub. No.				Day.	Year.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Moor Farm</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Salter, Frank L.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>15 Feb</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Mixed farming.</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>Salter, Flossie A.</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>28 Sept</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Unpaid domestic duties</i>
		<i>3</i>	<i>Salter Arthur A. S.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>5 June</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>General farm work. Assisting father.</i>
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<i>Greenlands</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Rust, Francis J.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>3 June</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Farm manager</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>Rust, Phyllis H. B.</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>23 Feb</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Unpaid domestic duties</i>
This record is officially closed.									
		<i>4</i>	<i>Rust, Angela M. V.</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>25 Mch</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Under School age.</i>
This record is officially closed.									
<i>Dead Man Farm</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Durman, George</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>30 Dec</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Dairy farmer</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>Durman, Mabel E.</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>19 Oct</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Unpaid domestic duties</i>
		<i>3</i>	<i>Durman, Frederick G.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>17 Mch</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Agricultural tractor driver Ditching, ploughing &amp; land cultivation</i>
<i>Coombe Cottage, Staple Hill</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Ashford, Jack G.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>25 Dec</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>General farm labourer</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>Ashford, Dorothy R.</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>24 Feb</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Unpaid domestic duties</i>
<i>Staple Hill</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Mutter, George</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>9 Sept</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Dairy farmer.</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>Mutter, Nellie</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>9 Jan</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Unpaid domestic duties</i>
		<i>3</i>	<i>Mutter, Ivor G.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>9 Mch</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>John Carter, general farm work Assisting father.</i>
		<i>4</i>	<i>Mutter, Clifford R.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>22 Mch</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Common, general farm work Assisting father.</i>
		<i>5</i>	<i>Mutter, Emily M.</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>23 Jan</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Kitchen maid, incapacitated.</i>
<i>Halls Well</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Spiller, Charles E.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>30 Mch</i>	<i>09</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Dairy farmer</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>*Spiller, Olive M.</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>15 Aug</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Unpaid domestic duties</i>
This record is officially closed.									
<i>Shiers Farm</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Board, Joseph H.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>21 Dec</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>Board, Edith J.</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>7 Nov</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Incapacitated.</i>
		<i>3</i>	<i>Board, William C.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>1 Jan</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Farm labourer Assisting father.</i>
<i>Castle View</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nottley, Harold L.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>25 Apr</i>	<i>04</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Lorry driver for haulage Contractor.</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>Nottley, Edith M.</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>13 Nov</i>	<i>06</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Unpaid domestic duties</i>
This record is officially closed.									
		<i>4</i>	<i>Nottley, Doreen M.</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>28 Nov</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Under School age</i>
<i>Shed in Farm Lane</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Knight, Sam</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>9 Sept</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>General labourer, hedger &amp; road worker.</i>
<i>School House</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Colman, Charles</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>30 Dec</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Rating &amp; Valuation Officer Deputy Food Executive Officer</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>Colman, Ada B.</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>19 Mar</i>	<i>08</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Head Teacher</i>
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<i>Fair End Cottage</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Lee, Samuel</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>14 May</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Smallholder farmer</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>Lee, Ethel</i>	-	<i>F</i>	<i>22 Oct</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Unpaid domestic duties</i>
		<i>3</i>	<i>Lee, Robert</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>22 Mch</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Farm worker - general</i>
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<i>Meanwood</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>White, Hedley</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>15 June</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Hauler for road work. Dairy farmer &amp; general farm worker</i>
		<i>2</i>	<i>White, Raymond C.</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>7 Nov</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>S</i>	
<i>Mannings</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Fogwill, John</i>	-	<i>M</i>	<i>26 Dec</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Farmer</i>