

ARTHUR POINTING, A/Serjeant 240391 2/5th Somerset Light Infantry

Arthur Stewart (or Stuart) Pointing was born on October 27 1891, the son of Charles and Beatrice Pointing. Charles was a Police Constable, and was evidently moved around in his job. He and his son Arthur were both born in Radstock, whereas Arthur's two younger sisters were born in Hinton St George, where Charles was stationed in 1901. By 1911 they were living in Taunton, in Cleveland Street. Arthur, now 19, was working as a hairdresser.

In 1918 he's listed on the Combe St Nicholas Absent Voters' List, living at Newtown; it's possible that his father was the local PC, as the Police house was in Newtown; otherwise there seems no obvious connection with Newtown and Buckland for a family that finally settled in Taunton. Arthur Pointing is Corporal 240391 in the 2/5th SLI on this list, but in fact on the later Army lists he's Acting Serjeant in the same Battalion. His original Army number was 1843, an indication of early enlistment.

The 2/5th were raised at the start of the War, and sent to Burma and India on peacekeeping activities up to May 1917. In the meantime in August 1915 a draft of troops (40 men and an officer) was sent to reinforce troops already fighting in Mesopotamia – essentially the modern Iraq. These troops were involved in the infamous siege of Kut, and appallingly treated by the Turks on surrender. It doesn't appear that Arthur Pointing was in this number. The whole Battalion finished the war fighting in Mesopotamia.

Arthur was demobbed ('disembodied' was the term used of the Yeomanry) on January 26 1920; he was awarded the British War Medal, and the much less usual Territorial Forces Medal; this was awarded to those who had served before August 1914 and had served outside the UK. The Territorials had at this stage begun to replace the old Yeomanry battalions.

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POINTING	Som. L.I.	A/Sgt	1843
	—		240391
Arthur			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY			
BRITISH	C/2/102 A2	172	
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After the war, in 1921, Arthur married Mabel Sharp, in Taunton; they had two children. In the 1939 Register the family is still living in Taunton, and Arthur, following in the family tradition, is a Police Superintendent – a man it seems born to lead, as his Army career too suggests.

He died in 1972, at Manor Orchard, Taunton, at the age of 80.

Administrative County Devon The undermentioned House are situate within the boundaries of the South Devon Parliamentary Borough of Taunton Page 8 27

Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough Municipal Borough, or Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough or Urban District		Rural District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Town or Village or Hamlet	
<u>St Andrew & George</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>	
Date	ROAD, STREET, No. and No. of NAME of HOUSE	Uninhabited	Partly inhabited	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Age last Birthday at	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employed, Worked, or Own account	Where BORN	Where BORN	Where BORN	Where BORN	Where BORN
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<u>St Andrew & George</u>			<u>George J. Smith</u>	Head	44			<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>St Andrew & George</u>			<u>Alice S. S. do</u>	Wife	2			<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>St Andrew & George</u>			<u>Henry J. Murphy</u>	Son-in-law	17	<u>Working on own account</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
19	<u>do</u>			<u>Mary Smith</u>	Sister	77	<u>Working on own account</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Sophia do</u>	Sister	74	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Isabel do</u>	Sister	60	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
20	<u>do</u>			<u>Benjamin Norman</u>	Head	44	<u>Working on own account</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Elizabeth do</u>	Wife	47	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Robert do</u>	Son	15	<u>Working on own account</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
21	<u>do</u>			<u>Robert do</u>	Son	75	<u>Working on own account</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Charles Printing</u>	Head	32	<u>Working on own account</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
22	<u>do</u>			<u>Beatrice do</u>	Wife	30	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Arthur do</u>	Son	9	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Miss do</u>	Daughter	6	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
23	<u>do</u>			<u>John do</u>	Head	38	<u>Working on own account</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Lucas do</u>	Wife	50	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
24	<u>do</u>			<u>George Holt</u>	Head	38	<u>Working on own account</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Isabella do</u>	Wife	44	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Edith do</u>	Daughter	14	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Edward do</u>	Son	13	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
25	<u>do</u>			<u>William Goodland</u>	Head	53	<u>Working on own account</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Louisa do</u>	Wife	51	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
26	<u>do</u>			<u>Emma Wilby</u>	Head	58	<u>Working on own account</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>William do</u>	Son	18	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Isabel do</u>	Daughter	17	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
27	<u>do</u>			<u>John Miller</u>	Head	50	<u>Working on own account</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Edward Miller</u>	Son	51	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
	<u>do</u>			<u>Ellen do</u>	Wife	39	<u>do</u>		<u>St Andrew & George</u>				
9	Total of Subdivisions of Houses and of Town or Village or Hamlet	9	1		Total of Males and of Females	114	66						

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SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENT OR CORPS. 172 (w)

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders of 1919.

Regtl. No.	Rank	NAME	Date previously served with Regtl. No. and Rank to note on entry into Service of War	Theatre of war in which served								Chap. awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations (a) Promoted (b) Despatched by Post (c) Transferred to Book	REMARKS	
				From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To				
32522	Pte.	PINKNEY, Charles	10.8m. Beds. Regt.												To A. Reserve 25.1.20
			24628. Pte.												
			2nd Som. L.I.												
35034	Pte.	PURCELL, Gilbert	12.8.9.3m. Som. L.I.												To A. Reserve 25.1.20
			2nd Som. L.I.												
203621	Pte.	PURCELL, Albert	2nd Som. L.I.												To A. Reserve 25.1.20
34938	Pte.	PURCELL, Arthur Andrew	3/5 Som. L.I.												To A. Reserve 25.1.20
39285	Pte.	PURCELL, Edward	12.8.9.3m. Som. L.I.												Discharged 24.7.18
240508	Pte.	PLAVER, Frederick	1/5 Som. L.I.												Discharged 24.7.19
			2168. Pte.												
203851	Pte.	PLUMMER, Albert	2/5 Som. L.I.												
215222	Pte.	PLUMMER, Albert	1/1 Kent's Shropshire												Discharged 24.7.20
			1288. Pte.												
			12.8.9.3m. Som. L.I.												
240391	A/Sgt.	POINTING, ARTHUR	2/5 Som. L.I.												Discharged 24.7.20
			1245. A/Sgt.												
203892	Pte.	POINTING, Harold	2/5 Som. L.I.												Discharged 24.7.20
			1245. A/Sgt.												
33597	A/Sgt.	POLE, HERBERT, JOHN	12.8.9.3m. Som. L.I.												Discharged 24.7.20
241024	Pte.	POLE, HERBERT	2/5 Som. L.I.												Discharged 24.7.20
			2/5 Pte.												

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

Place: EXETER Date: 1 APR 1920

Signature and rank of Officer certifying

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No. 50.

SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENT or CORPS.

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Territorial Force War Medal, granted under
Army Order 143 of 1920.

Held by the individual in the Corps in respect of which the rolls are submitted		NAME	Regtl. No., Rank and Unit on date of first proceeding overseas	Record of disposal of decorations			REMARKS
No.	Rank			(a) Presented	(b) Despatched by Post	(c) Taken into Stock	
240224.	Sjt.	OSTLER, Rupert Stanley.	1508. Cpl. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			To Comm: 15.10.18. <i>Slipex 7MM</i>
240521.	Pte.	PALFREY, Ernest John.	2044. Pte. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			Disem'd 26.1.20.
240567.	Sjt.	PATTEMORE, Charles John.	2123. A/Cpl. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			<i>5. Benfed Awkly Sent 12/11/19</i> Died, 26.8.17.
240249.	A/Cpl.	PAVORD, Reginald.	1570. Pte. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			Disem'd 19.1.20.
240222.	Pte.	PERRY, George.	1504. Pte. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			Disem'd 17.1.20.
240108.	Pte.	PHILLIPS, John.	1218. Pte. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			Disem'd 4.4.19.
240004.	W.O. Cl.ii.	PIKE, Charles.	29. W.O.ii. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			Disem'd 6.6.19.
240014.	A/W.O. Cl.ii.	PILTON, Frederick George.	176. Sjt. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			Died, 24.5.18.
240114.	Pte.	PITTS, Walter.	1240. Pte. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			Disem'd 15.5.19.
240391.	A/Sjt.	POINTING, Arthur.	1843. Pte. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			Disem'd 26.1.20.
240313.	Pte.	POWELL, George.	1691. Pte. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			Disem'd 26.1.20.
5664709.	Pte.	PRIDHAM, ERNEST.	1675. Pte. 2/5th Somerset L.I.	X			Serving.

I certify that the individuals named in this roll fulfilled the provisions of paragraph 2 of
Army Order 143 of 1920. A Certificate covering the provisions of sub-para: (i)
and (ii) of Army Order 143 of 1920 attached.

Place EXETER.Date 1st. July, 1921.

Signature and rank of Officer certifying.

W. Thompson
Captain for
Officer i/c Infantry Records
Exeter.

