SAMUEL PYM, 28808, Private, 7th Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

Sam Pym was born on February 28, 1884, the younger son of Robert and Sarah Pym, farming at Blindmoor Farm. He was baptised on April 6 1884 at Buckland, and went to Buckland School from 1888 and 1897. His older brother Robert had left home before 1901, had married and was living in Epsom.

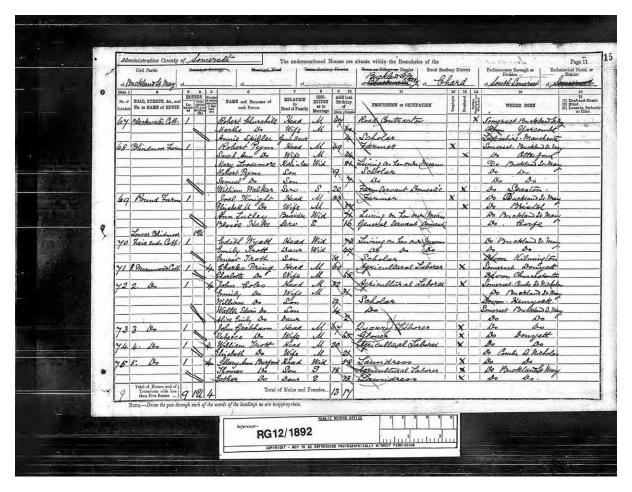
Sam enlisted in 1914, joining the 7th Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry on December 29. He was a big man, 6ft 1in, with dark hair and a fresh complexion. The 7th Battalion was formed in September 1914, and served in France from 1915-18. They were in the Ypres area on the first day of the Somme, July 1 1916, but became involved in the battles of the Somme later in the summer; it must have been in these battles that Sam was wounded, ultimately losing his left foot.

A letter from the Rector, A.P.Lance, dated November 29 1916, was written to commiserate with him; well-meaning in intention, it's somewhat clumsy and condescending: '...things might have been much worse, and ... by the time they have given you a new foot and you have learnt how to use it you will hardly realise you have lost the old one...' The fact was that Sam was now permanently disabled; he was finally discharged from the Army on May 23 1918 with appropriate certificates and pension. He was able to wear a gold Wound Stripe, and was issued with a Silver War Badge – a protection against officious distributers of white feathers.

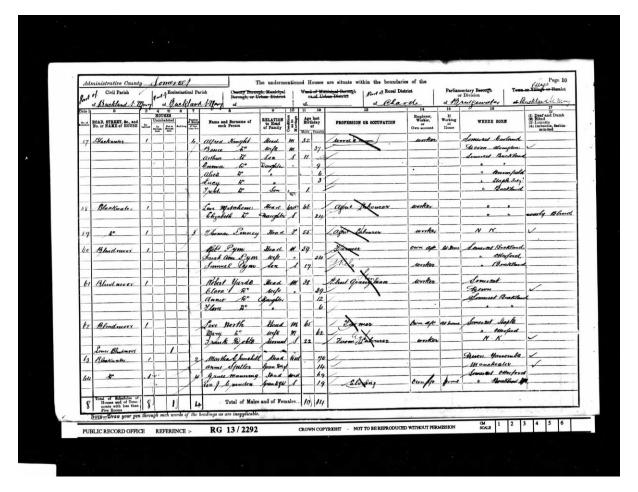


From the Rev Mr Lance's letter one can deduce that in 1916 Sam was already engaged to his wife to be, Elizabeth Coles; they were married on October 17, 1917. In later years they lived at Rosewells, Meanwood. On the 1939 Register Sam is described as 'Private 7th D.C.L.I. Retired & disabled'. They had no children; Sam died at home on September 9, 1961 aged 77.

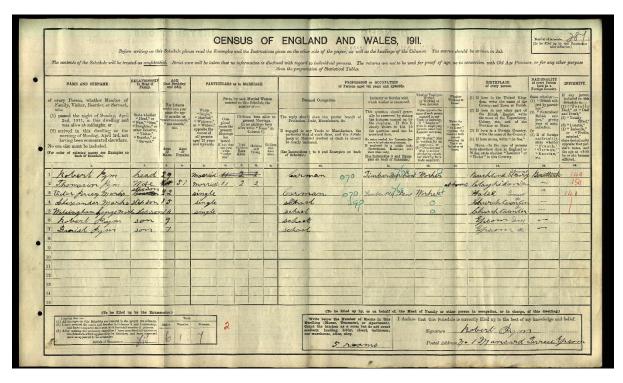
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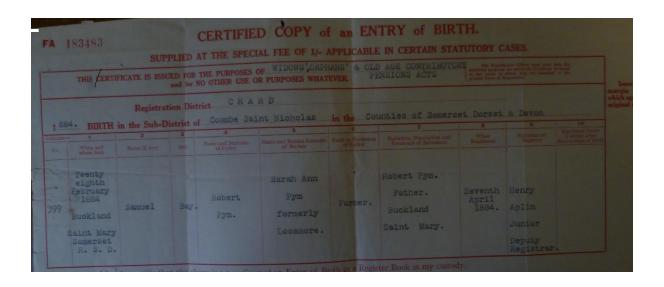


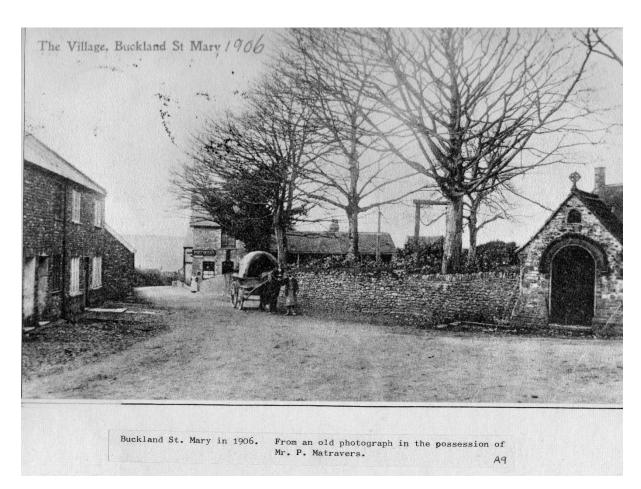
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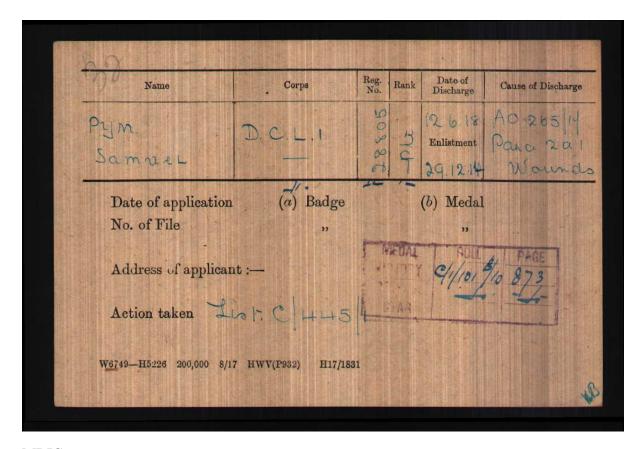
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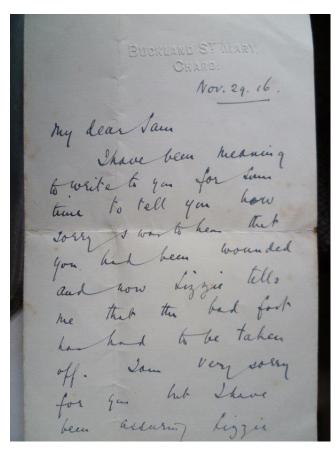


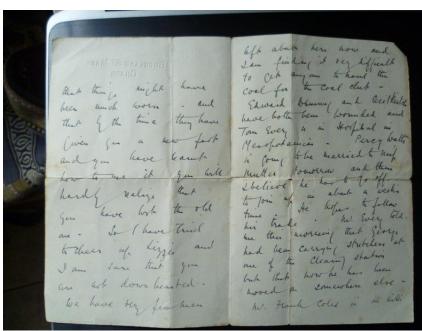


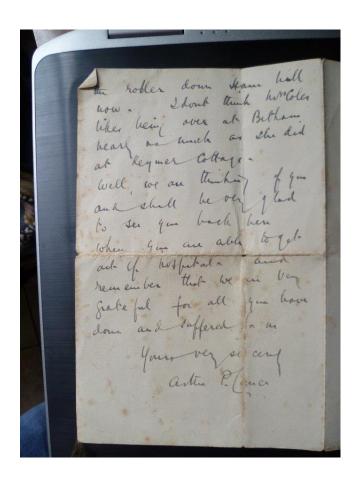
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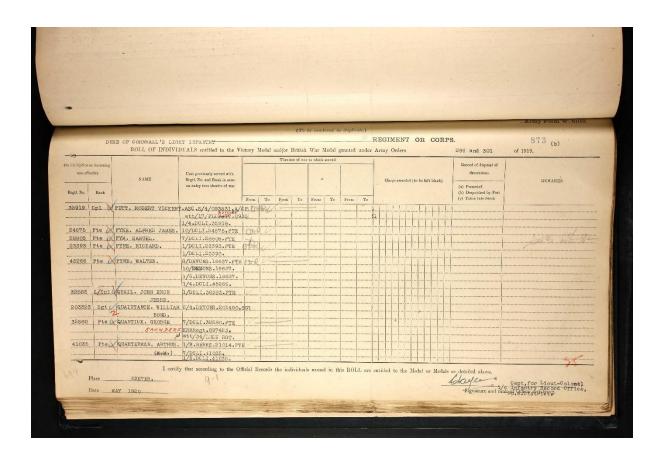


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