

## **ALBERT EDWARD SHIRE, Private 22450, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Somerset Light Infantry, moved to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Battalions**

Albert, or Bertie as he's named in the Buckland School Register, was born on March 7 1897, the second son of farm labourer Mark Shire and his wife Flora. Albert and his older brother William were born in Corfe, where the family were living at the time. Albert was baptised there on April 11. In 1901 they were at Windmill Hill, Ashill, and in 1911 at Swaddles Green, Buckland St Mary; Albert was still at Swaddles Green with his own family in 1939.

When it gets to Albert's Army career, things are more confusing. The Absent Voters' List has him down as **Alfred** Edward, but with the correct regimental number that follows him throughout. He's recorded as in the 1<sup>st</sup> Btn SLI, and he is there in the Battalion's Casualty & Muster Roll: embarked May 1 1917, joined Battalion on May 22; on February 26 1919 he joined the 11<sup>th</sup> Btn. But on the SLI's list of Victory Medal recipients, compiled in August 1920, he's noted as having served in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Btns – but, as we've said, he keeps the same Regimental number throughout.

There is a memory about Albert (which supports the fact that he served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Btn) that came from John North, a nephew of Stanley North of the 6th Btn SLI; Stanley was killed on August 22 1916.

“....a story from Bert Shire, serving with Stanley. Bert was standing beside him when he was shot; he was ‘shot clean’ – he didn't suffer.”

At the end of the War Albert was discharged into the Z Reserve, on September 30 1919. He was married in 1931 to Mary Webber; they had one daughter. In the 1939 Register he's a dairy farmer, and living at Swaddles Green with his family. He died in 1977 aged 80, when he was living at Dommett Hill Farm.

Administrative County Lancaster

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the

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Civil Parish	Parish of	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
of <u>Roby</u>	of <u>Roby</u>			of <u>Chand</u>	of <u>Roby</u>	
24	1	1	1	1	1	1
25	1	1	1	1	1	1
26	1	1	1	1	1	1
27	1	1	1	1	1	1
28	1	1	1	1	1	1
29	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total of Males and of Females. 13/17						

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## 1901 CENSUS

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1901.

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The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

Division of Household, 24

(To be filled up by the Head of Family)

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (in years and months)	SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	EDUCATION	RELIGION	ETHNIC ORIGIN	RELIGION	RELIGION
Mark Thorne	Head	46	M	Married 16-2-8	General Labourer	330	Methodist	English	English	English
Martha Thorne	Wife	38	F	16-2-8			Methodist	English	English	English
Albert Edward Thorne	Son	14	M				Methodist	English	English	English
George Thorne	Daughter	5	F				Methodist	English	English	English

(To be filled up by the Head of Family)

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

Signature Mark Thorne

Post Address Leeds, West Yorkshire



Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
SHIRE Albert	Som L.I.	Pte	22450
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	B/2/102 B16	209	
BRITISH	do	do	
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Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

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SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY. REGIMENT OR CORPS.

2009(b)

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders V. S. 307 of 1919

Regd. No.	Rank	NAME	In respect of which and Corps previously served with by each individual and Regd. No. (where the highest rank, whether substantive, acting or temporary, recorded or having been held for any period in a theatre of War, unless reversed for misconduct, being shown against the name of the recipient in Corps which is to be inserted on the medal.)	Theatre of war in which served	Clasp awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations			REMARKS
						(a) Presented	(b) Despatched by Post	(c) Taken into Store	
201194	Pte	SHIPP Edward Samuel	2/4 Som. L.I.						Disembodied 1.6.19.
			1/4 Som. L.I.	6(D)					
32199	Pte	SHIPP Henry Thomas	Pte 3312						Assumed Dead 28.4.17.
			1st Som. L.I.	1(a)					
			Pte 32199						
			8th Som. L.I.	1(a)					
201348	Pte	SHIPWAY Arthur Brenda	2/4 Som. L.I.						Disembodied 20.2.19.
		Winterbotham	1/4 Som. L.I.	6(b)					
			Pte 3535						
29299	Pte	SHIPWAY Edwin	6th Som. L.I.	1(a)					Assumed Dead 17.7.18.
		Charles	Pte 29299						
9880	Pte	SHIPWAY Frederick	6th Som. L.I.	1(a)					To 2 Reserve 8.4.19.
		Charles	Pte 2940						
201129	A/Sgt	SHIPWAY Harry	2/4 Som. L.I.						Disembodied 13.1.20.
		AUGUSTINE	1/4 Som. L.I.	6(b)					
			Pte 3006						
27212	Pte	SHIRE Abraham	W. Som. Yeo.	1(a)					Disembodied 8.3.19.
	(L/Cpl)		Pte (L/Cpl) 949						
			7th Som. L.I.	1(a)					
22450	Pte	SHIRE Albert	6th Som. L.I.	1(a)					To 2 Reserve 30.9.19.
			Pte 22450						
			7th Som. L.I.	1(a)					

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 26 AUG 1920

Signature and rank of Officer certifying. J.P. Rank

## ABSENT VOTERS' LIST. YEOVIL DIVISION.

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1	2	3	4	5
No.	Names in Full (Surname first).	Qualifying Premises.	Description of Service, Ship, Regiment, Number, Rank, Rating, etc., or recorded address.	No.
PARISH OF KINGWESTON.				
177	Dickinson, William Francis	Kingweston House	Capt., 1st Garr. Batt., Hants. Regt.	177
178	Charlton, Cuthbert Henry	Lower Street	41337 Pte., 1st Batt., D.C.L.I.	178
179	Charlton, William John	North Park	Stoker 41228 R.N., H.M.S. "Lupen"	179
180	Dabinett, Harold Edwin	Post Office	49583 Co.Q.M.S., M.G.C., 2nd Div. Bgd., 91, York St., Westminster	180
181	Merriott, Colin	Lower Street	27619 Sig., 10th Bn., K. Shrops. L.I.	181
182	Sawtell, Ellis John	Middle Farm	Sec.-Lt., King's Royal Rifles	182
183	Stenson, Sidney	High Street	47043 Pte., 15th Bn., E. Lancs. Regt.	183
184	Tapnell, Thomas William	The Lodge, Kingweston	208176 Pte., 25th Middx. Regt.	184
185	Willcox, Ralph	Lower Street	13545 Pte. 10th Devons	185

## BUCKLAND ST. MARY Polling District (C).

## PARISH OF BUCKLAND ST. MARY.

186	Every, Tom	Meanwood	26862 Pte., 4th S.W.B.	186
187	Hooper, James	Cross	527939 Pte., 652 Agri. Coy., Lab. Cps.	187
188	Pook, William	Blackwater	Dorset Rgt.	188
189	Spiller, Thomas John	Bugg's Moor	47372 7th W. Riding Rgt., E.C., No. 2 R.F.	189
190	Walter, Richard John Kenneth	Grange House	A.S.C.	190
191	Berry, William Devonport	Pinneys	4454 Tpr., Gds. M.G.C.	191
192	Collins, Wilfred Edgar	Little Forest	500078 Pte., 652 Agri. Coy., Lab. Cps.	192
193	Durman, Frederick Edwin	Redric Hill	620296 Gnr., 18th Bde. R.H.A.	193
194	Durman, William John	Redric Hill	108305, R.F.C.	194
195	Fayter, John	Coomsbury	27698, D.C.L.I.	195
196	Fayter, William Henry	Coomsbury Farm	72503 Pte., 31st Middx. Rgt.	196
197	Goodland, Ernest	Newtown	205262 Pte., 3rd Bn., Bedford	197
198	Greenslade, Cecil	Moorsick	95702 Gnr., Tank Cps., Alexandria	198
199	Greenslade Richard Samuel	Moorsick	Lieut., R.F.C.	199
200	Hardwell, James	Trott's Castle	R/3577, A.B. Drake Bn., R.N.D.	200
201	Harris, Thomas	Beehive Farm	120096 Pnr., 370 For. Coy., R.E.	201
202	Hoare, Gilbert	Lower Blindmoor	1994 Pte., 1st Royal Marines, R.N.D.	202
203	Hooper, Sydney Arthur	Castle Comfort	26759 Pte., 3rd S.L.I.	203
204	Hooper, Walter Robert	Castle Comfort	K/9742 Str., R.N., H.M.S. "Marlborough"	204
205	Knight, Arthur	Coal Furze	94224 Pte., 221 Coy., M.G.C.	205
206	Knight, Samuel	Meanwood	13835 Pte., S.L.I.	206
207	Lang, Albert Charles	Laurel Cottage	61134 Pte., 187th Coy., M.G.C.	207
208	Lang, William Henry	Laurel Cottage	230447 S.Q.M.S., 1/1st Dorset Yeo.	208
209	Love, Ernest	Little Hill	34000 Pte., 57 Agr. Coy., Lab. Cps.	209
210	Manning, James Henry	Eagle Tavern	266175, Devon Rgt.	210
211	Manning, William John	Eagle Tavern	266297, Devon Rgt.	211
212	Millman, Cecil Richard	Castle Farm	226190, R.F.A.	212
213	Millman, Horace John	Castle Farm	17238 Pte., 457th Agri. Coy., Lab. Cps.	213
214	Shire, Alfred Edward	Swaddle's Green	22450, 1st S.L.I.	214
215	Wyatt, Charlie	Keat's Mill	202170 Pte., 2/4th Bn., S.L.I.	215
216	Wyatt, Harry	Keat's Mill	(Discharged)	216

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<b>BUCKLAND ST. MARY Polling District (C).</b>				
<b>PARISH OF BUCKLAND ST. MARY.</b>				
186	Every, Tom	Meanwood	26862 Pte., 4th S.W.B.	186
191	Berry, William	Devonport Pinneys		191
192	Collins, Wilfred Edgar	Little Forest	500078 Pte., 652 Agri. Coy., Lab. Cps.	192
193	Durman, Frederick Edwin	Redric Hill	620296 Gnr., 18th Bde. R.H.A.	193
194	Durman, William John	Redric Hill	108305, R.F.C.	194
196	Fayter, William Henry	Coomsbury Farm	72503 Pte., 31st Middx. Rgt.	196
197	Goodland, Ernest	Newtown	205262 Pte., 3rd Bn., Bedford	197
199	Greenslade Richard Samuel	Moorsick	Lieut., R.F.C.	199
201	Harris, Thomas	Beehive Farm	120096 Pnr., 370 For. Coy., R.E.	201
203	Hooper, Sydney Arthur	Castle Comfort	26759 Pte., 3rd S.L.I.	203
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209	Love, Ernest	Little Hill	34000 Pte., 57 Agr. Coy., Lab. Cps.	209
210	Manning, James Henry	Eagle Tavern	266175 Cpl., 1/6th Devon Rgt., No. 2 Wireless Sqdn., L. of C., Mesop.	210
211	Manning, William John	Eagle Tavern	266297, Devon Rgt.	211
212	Millman, Cecil Richard	Castle Farm	226190, R.F.A., 4th Training Depot, India	212
213	Millman, Horace John	Castle Farm	17238 Pte., 457th Agri. Coy., Lab. Cps.	213
214	Shire, Alfred Edward	Swaddle's Green	22450, 1st S.L.I.	214
215	Wyatt, Charlie	Keat's Mill	202170 Pte., 2/4th Bn., S.L.I.	215
216	Wyatt, Harry	Keat's Mill		216

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E.D. Letter Code		Borough, U.D. or R.D.		Registration District and Sub-district		308/1		See INSTRUCTIONS.		
ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	O. V. S. P. or I.	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	
ballows Cottage	16	1	Coles James	-	M	24	Sept	73	M	General Labourer.
		2	Coles Mary A	-	F	24	Feb	76	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		3	North Charlotte	-	F	9	July	87	S	Unpaid Domestic Duties
ballows Farm	17	1	Luick James	-	M	18	Aug	92	M	Dairy Farm General Labourer.
		2	Luick Florence G	-	F	10	April	00	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Tolly Farm	18	1	Lovendge Cecil	-	M	19	Nov	11	M	Dairy Farm.
		2	Lovendge Frances	-	F	15	July	17	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Austins Dammitt	19	1	Blackmore Joseph H	-	M	14	Sept	77	M	Roadman Labourer.
		2	Blackmore Emily	-	F	15	Jan	83	M	Domestic Duties Unpaid
Harveys Cottage	20	1	Collins Charles G	-	M	9	June	10	M	Cowman
		2	Collins Gladys G	-	F	8	April	13	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
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		4	Robinson Edith	V	F	7	June	13	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		5	Robinson Bessie	V	M	14	Sept	37	S	Under School Age
This record is officially closed.										
Little Forest	21	1	Collins Fred	-	M	21	Jan	64	M	Retired (single) Soldier
		2	Collins Bessie S	-	F	8	June	70	M	Unpaid Household Duties
Lane Farm	22	1	North Studley B	-	M	13	Sept	01	M	Small holder.
		2	North Mary J	-	F	21	March	09	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		3	North Edith D	-	F	16	May	28	S	At School
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		6	North Robert G	-	M	23	July	32	S	At School
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Silvers Street	23	1	Watts Percy H	-	M	24	March	94	M	Dairy Farm.
		2	Watts Alice	-	F	5	June	94	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
This record is officially closed.										
		4	Watts Leonard J	-	M	9	April	26	S	At School
		5	Watts Mabel B	-	F	13	Feb	29	S	At School
		6	Watts Stanley P	-	M	15	Feb	32	S	At School
Swaddles Green	24	1	Shire Albert G	-	M	9	March	97	M	Dairy Farm.
		2	Shire Mary G	-	F	23	Sept	04	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
This record is officially closed.										
Rydness Farm	25	1	Long David	-	M	21	Feb	70	M	Farmers Retired
		2	Long Margaretta	-	F	2	Dec	71	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		3	Long John H	-	M	21	April	99	S	Dairy Farm.
Hare	26	1	Roberts Robert	-	M	2	April	50	M	Retired (Farmer)
		2	Roberts Elizabeth	-	F	11	Jan	52	S	Housekeeper.
Hare	27	1	Davis Mary	-	F	8	Aug	67	M	Domestic Duties
		2	Davis Samuel	-	M	22	Nov	92	M	Dairy Farm.
Hisbeats Farm	28	1	Pung Francis H	-	M	2	March	95	M	Farth Bailiff
		2	Pung Mrs Jane	-	F	5	Jan	01	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
This record is officially closed.										