

FRANCIS NELSON BOARD, 34891 PRIVATE, SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY
149420 PRIVATE, MACHINE GUN CORPS
2 January 1898-1974

Francis, or Frank, was born on 2 January 1898 in BSM, the son of Abednego, an agricultural labourer, and Lucy Board. He was baptized in BSM Church on 6 February. They were living at Little Hill, neighbours of the Grabham family (qqv).

The Old Testament name of Abednego is an unusual one nowadays, but even at the time of the 1871 Census (he was born in 1870) its oddity was underlined by the fact that he was the youngest of three sons whom their parents had named Shadrach, Meshak and Abednego. The story in the Book of Daniel is that these were the three men thrown into a fiery furnace by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, for failing to bow down to an image of him, but were unconsumed by the flames. It's a trio once familiar to every school child!

Francis went to BSM School in April 1901, but left in September 1904 when he was six. He's on the school's Roll of Honour, despite having left so long before. This move was probably because the family were leaving the area. Certainly by 1911 they were living in West Bagborough, where Abednego was working as a domestic gardener; their youngest son Sidney, aged 6, had been born in West Bagborough. At this point the 13 year old Francis was still at school.

The next we know of him is as a Private in the SLI, and then in the Machine Gun Corps. Unfortunately there is no detail of which battalions he served in, so we're short of any further detail. He was demobbed into the Class Z reserve on the 22 October 1919. He married Ethel North in 1931; we have found no children of the marriage.

He appears to have gone back to West Somerset - in 1939 Francis and Ethel were living in the Crowcombe area, and he's working as a wheelwright and Estate carpenter. He died in West Somerset in 1974.

13	Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
BOARD	Francis N	Som LI	Pte	34891
		MGC		149420
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	MGC/101 ^B 95-7723			
BRITISH	4	4		
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Theatre of War first served in				
Date of entry therein				

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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										Page 19
City or Township of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Village or Hamlet, &c. of	Local Board, or Improvement Commissioners District of	Ecclesiastical District of			
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. of NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES In the District of the	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN		Whether Blind, Deaf and Dumb, Imbecile or Idiot & Lame
			Edward Graham	Son	Mar	18	Ag. Lab	Somerset	offford	
			Sydney A. G.	Daughter		11	Scholar	Do	Do	
			Anna B. G.	Daughter		9	Do	Do	Do	
			Elizabeth G.	Daughter		7	Do	Do	Do	
			John G.	Son		8	Do	Do	Do	
92	Bugs Moor House 1		Thomas G.	Son		1		Do	Buckland St. Mary	
			John Bridgice	Head	Mar	56	Ag. Lab	Do	Do	
			Mary G.	Wife	Mar	55	Glover	Do	Do	
			Thomas G.	Son	Unm.	18	Ag. Lab	Do	Do	
			William G.	Son		11	Do	Do	Do	
			Samuel G.	Son		9	Scholar	Do	Do	
			Edwin G.	Son		5	Do	Do	Do	
93	Eagle Tavern Inn 1		Samuel Manning	Sedgley	Mar	42	Ag. Lab	Do	Do	
			Matthew M. Matthews	Head	Mar	41	Implements Carpenter	Do	Buckhampton	
			Harriet M. G.	Wife	Mar	38	Wife	Do	Buckhampton	
			Ben G.	Son		4	Scholar	Do	Do	
			John M. G.	Son		3	Do	Do	Do	
			John G.	Son	Sm.	3	Do	Do	Do	
94	Long Birch Cottage 1		Elizabeth Huish	Wife	Mar	48	Glover	Do	Whiteslaughton	
			Robert Beard	Head	Mar	55	Ag. Lab	Do	Buckland St. Mary	
			Martha G.	Wife	Mar	36		Do	Do	
			John H. G.	Son	Unm.	18	Ag. Lab	Do	Do	
			Charlotte G.	Daughter		10	Scholar	Do	Do	
			Elizabeth G.	Daughter		7	Do	Do	Do	
			Madrick G.	Son		5	Do	Do	Do	
	Total of Houses...	3	Total of Males and Females...			16	9			

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Administrative County Donner The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the Donner Page 6

Part 4 Civil Parish Donner Ecclesiastical Parish Donner County Borough Municipal Borough or Urban District Donner Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District Donner Rural District Donner Parliamentary Borough or Division Donner Town or Village or Hamlet Donner

Code	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. of NAME of HOUSE	HOUSE	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Age last Birthday	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	Where BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Inhabiting feeble-minded
29	Blackland 3	1	Mark Nicholls	Head	53	Labourer & Schoolmaster	W	Donnington	
			Ann Nicholls	Wife	51			Donnington	
			Frank Nicholls	Son	7			Donnington	
30		1	Abigail Board	Head	30	Labourer	W	Donnington	
			Lucy M.	Wife	26			Donnington	
			Alfred M.	Son	3			Donnington	
			James B.	Son	2			Donnington	
31		1	John W. Horst	Head	25	Labourer	W	Donnington	
			Mary G. R.	Wife	25			Donnington	
			William G. R.	Son	3			Donnington	
			Walter G. R.	Son	2			Donnington	
32		1	William Boardman	Head	46	Labourer	W	Donnington	
			Mary Boardman	Wife	40			Donnington	
			Edward Boardman	Son	17			Donnington	
			William Boardman	Son	14			Donnington	
			Robert Boardman	Son	9			Donnington	
			Arthur Boardman	Son	6			Donnington	
			May Boardman	Daughter	3			Donnington	
			Frank Boardman	Son	1			Donnington	
33	Malsham	1	William R. Nopel	Head	28	Manager, Milk Factory	W	Donnington	
			Mary Ann Nopel	Wife	29			Donnington	
			Frank M. Nopel	Son	16			Donnington	
			Lucy G. Nopel	Son	2			Donnington	
			William G. Nopel	Son	3			Donnington	
5	Total of inhabitants of Houses and of Tenants with less than five rooms	5	Total of Males and of Females			15	10		

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CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1901.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in ink.

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, or in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE last Birthday and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person and sex years last year	BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person	INFIRMITY
1. Abigail Board	Head	40	Married	Gardener domestic 479	Donnington	Donnington	
2. Lucy M. Board	Wife	44	Married		Donnington	Donnington	
3. Edward Board	Son	13		School 399	Donnington	Donnington	
4. Clara Board	Daughter	12			Donnington	Donnington	
5. Frank M. Board	Son	7			Donnington	Donnington	
6. Sidney Board	Son	6			Donnington	Donnington	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling)

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

Signature: Abigail Board Postal Address: Donnington

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Buckland Mary in the
County of Somerset in the year One thousand
eight hundred and thirty eight

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1898 January 1st No. 225	Helen Mary daughter of	Albert and Emma	Hart	Newport	Mason	William Blance ✓
1898 Feb 6 No. 226	Francis Nelson son of	Abelugo and Lucy Minna	Boord	Buckland Mary	Servant	William Blance ✓
1898 March 6 No. 227	Sidney Arthur son of	Richard and Sarah Jane	Hooper	Combe St Nicholas	Latimer	William Blance ✓
1898 April 3 No. 228	Olive Rhoda Elizabeth daughter of	William and Elizabeth	Ostler	Chard	Carter	William Blance ✓
1898 April 10 No. 229	Mary daughter of	Mark and Mary	Knight	Buckland Mary	Latimer	William Blance ✓
1898 April 10 No. 230	Ellie Rosina daughter of	Simon Henry and Mary Elizabeth	Procy	Buckland Mary	Latimer	William Blance ✓
1898 April 24 No. 231	Helen Mary daughter of	William and Emily	Foster	Buckland Mary	Latimer	William Blance ✓
1898 July 3 No. 232	Mabel daughter of	John and Lucy	North	Buckland Mary	Croft Linn	William Blance ✓

E.D. Letter Code		WQDM		Borough, U.D. or R.D.		Registration District		302 - 2		and Sub-district		PERSONAL OCCUPATION.		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.	See INSTRUCTIONS.					
	No.	Sub. No.				Day.	Year.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11					
Munton	117	1	Board Francis H		M	Jan	98	M	Wheelwright & Estate Carpenter						
		2	Board Ethel B		F	Oct	96	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties						
Regh	118	1	Mrs Alice		F	Jan	80	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties						
		2	Mrs Frederick J		M	Jan	06	S	Road Labourer						
		3	Mrs Board		M	Jan	13	S	Farm Labourer						
310		4	Mrs Leslie		M	May	16	S	Farm Labourer						
	311	5	CONFIDENTIAL		F	Jan	19	S	Domestic Servant						
		6	Mrs Mark		M	Jan	77	M	Road Labourer						
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FROM PAGE 2	20	10	KATONA Milagros RM - F		F	Jan	95	M	Domestic Servant	FOR ORIGINAL ENTRY 1444 ARC NO. 1444					
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Summerheads Cottage	106	3	ELSON Charles - F		F	May	92	S	at school	ORIGINAL 1444 1444					
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The Tithe Barn	72	5	CRAWFORD Shima D		F	Jan	26	S	awaiting return Boarding school	351 1444 25					
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Brookside Park Gate	10	2	POWER William Dyer		F	12 Oct	33	S	at school						
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Thornstead Farm	77	6	JONES Denis M		F	21 Jan	00	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties						
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The Tithe Barn Cranbourne	72	3	CRAWFORD ROBERT C		M	14 Oct	92	M	Civil Engineer						
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Admission Number.	Date of Admission.			NAME, Christian and Surname.	Date of Birth.			Name and Address of Parent or Guardian.
	D.	M.	Y.		D.	M.	Y.	
890	28	4	1902	* Frederick Hill	6	6	97	John Hill
891	8	4	1902	Frederick Smith	14	8	1897	Frederick Smith
892	12	5	1902	Arthur Stone	19	2	1898	George Stone
893	26	5	1902	Mildred Davis	13	2	1894	Mrs Cull
894	7	7	02	Dorothy Baker	20	11	97	Mrs Baker
895	7	10	02	Alfred Thorne	2	3	91	William Thorne
896	17	11	02	Percy Ash	16	8	97	William Ash
897	16	3	03	Edith Burton	6	6	87	Henry Bishop
898	20	4	03	Margaret Morle	6	2	78	Sarah Morle
899	29	11	03	Dorothy Bradford	14	3	98	Thomas Bradford
900	3	6	03	Stanley Baker	9	1	99	Stanley Baker
901	23	6	03	Wallace Ash	13	6	99	William Ash
902	23	6	03	Eliot Parish	4	12	99	Charles Parish
903	14	9	03	Mary Morle	5	8	98	Thomas Morle
904	9	11	03	Mildred Boys	22	1	96	Percy Boys
905	13	11	03	Florence Farley	11	12	1890	William Farley
906	23	11	03	Ernest Farley	10	5	1893	" "
907	23	3	04	George Fowler	11	9	1900	George Fowler
908	11	4	04	Elizabeth Sully	3	9	"	Samuel Sully
909	11	4	04	George Sully	27	3	1900	" "
910	2	5	04	Frederick Farley	26	6	1897	William Farley
911	30	5	04	Jane Morle	30	8	1900	Thomas Morle
912	26	9	04	Beatrice Ellis	5	4	1896	John Ellis
913	26	9	04	Lily Ellis	20	6	1898	John Ellis
914	17	9	1904	Alice Maddock	23	11	1893	James Maddock
915	17	9	1904	Rhoda Board	28	12	1896	Abelardo Board
916	17	9	1904	Frank Board	2	1	1898	" "
917	17	9	1904	Edna Board	22	1899	" "	" "
918	10	1	1905	Olive Ellis	"	"	"	John Ellis
919	21	2	1905	Victor Baker	13	9	1898	Thomas Baker
920	21	2	1905	Clifford Baker	8	9	1899	" "
921	2	5	1905	Alice Strong	7	3	1900	Francis Strong
922	19	7	1905	William Colman	31	3	1897	Henry Colman
923	4	9	1905	* Evelyn Hill	14	12	1900	John Hill

* Re-admitted 4-4-10.

