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Edward and his twin brother Francis were born on 11 March 1891 at Manthawke, Lezant in Cornwall, conveniently (for the historian) just before the Census in April. Lezant was their mother Emily's village; their father Edward, a farmer, came from Northampton. One might deduce that Edward, given his father's name, was the older twin; they had an older sister, Emily Mary. They'd moved from Cornwall to Ham Farm, Combe St Nicholas (just off the now A303 on Ham Hill) probably in 1895.

The twins and sister Emily started school in BSM on 2 July 1895, leaving on 21 May 1905. By 1911 all three were living at home on the farm, Emily working as a school teacher and the boys farming with their father.

Edward's name is on the School's Roll of Honour, but not, for some reason, Francis's – the reasons behind the list are not always easy to fathom. But Francis may have been the son who stayed at home to run the farm. Edward served in the West Somerset Yeomanry and the Somerset Light Infantry as a Serjeant, a rank which suggests that he may have served with the Yeomanry before the War as a Territorial.

His Medal Roll Index Card notes that he was serving in the Balkans (Greece) by 23 September 1915. His regiment was the 1st West Somerset Yeomanry, who, by way of Greece, landed at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli in October. They were evacuated in December 1915 and moved to Egypt. By early 1917 they were at Moascar, near Ismailia; the Battalion became an Infantry regiment, the 12th Battalion SLI. On 6 December 1917 Edward was wounded; unfortunately we have no details of what happened. In May 1918 the 12th SLI landed at Marseilles for service in France. Edward, by now an Acting Company Serjeant Major, was wounded again on 12 September 1918 in fighting around Epehy, south of Cambrai. This must have been very near the end of his War – and a long one it had been for him. He was disembodied on 8 February 1919.

Edward married Mary Lines in 1926 at Warminster; their son John was born in the Autumn of 1927. The 1939 register finds Edward and his family at Home Farm, Sutton Veny near Warminster, where he was dairy farming. His widowed mother Emily was living with them. Francis, incidentally, had remained farming at Ham Farm.

Edward, now retired at Sutton Veny, died on 17 December 1968, leaving £9715.

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