

JAMES HENRY MANNING, PRIVATE 2875 AND LANCE CORPORAL 266175 DEVON REGIMENT
10 MAY 1896-25 MARCH 1953

James was born on the 10 May 1896 in Warkleigh, Devon, the second son of William and Emma Manning. The family moved around a lot – from South Molton to Warkleigh to Cheriton Bishop (as reflected in where the children were born) and then to Buckland St Mary, with possibly other locations in between. His father William seems to have had a number of jobs: he was an Insurance Agent in 1901, a farmer at Oakford in Devon in 1911 (helped by his two sons) and then the landlord of the Eagle Tavern from sometime during the war years, when his school age daughters Gladys and Ena enrolled at BSM School. Unfortunately this last job went very wrong, as was reported in the *Western Times* of October 31 1919:

“CHARD MILK THEFTS LATEST NEWS How an Innkeeper Was Smartly Caught in the Act

William Manning, licensee of the Eagle Tavern Inn, Buckland St. Mary, near Chard, and his wife, Emma Manning, have been fined £5 each and Court costs at Chard for stealing milk from churns of which they were entrusted bailees. Several farmers in the district have been in the habit of leaving their churns outside the inn to be fetched by a motor lorry from a dairy company. Complaints as regards the purity of the milk having been communicated to farmers, suspicion was directed towards the innkeeper, who kept several calves and retailed much milk, although he only kept a cow or so. The police were informed, with the result that Inspector Edwards, of Chard, and the local constable, P.C. Gomer, Combe St. Nicholas, instituted a watch, and the male defendant was seen to fetch a pail water from the pump, to the churns with an empty pail, and when this was filled, his wife handed him the pail of water to refill the churn and remove any possible suspicion. Their little daughter was sent out look at the fourcross roads to see that all was clear. Of course, he loses his license, and the case has been widely commented upon.”

Not unexpectedly, as reported in the *Western Times* of 14 November 1919, he lost the tenancy.

Meantime, both his sons were in Army, in the Devonshire Regiment. We know of their existence through the Absent Voters Register of 1918. Their Army numbers are 122 apart – 266175 for James, 266297 for William – suggesting they may have enlisted close together. James enlisted on 6 October 1914, and was discharged on 27 June 1919. Unfortunately we don't know what Battalion either of them was in, but we can deduce more about James's service. We know that he enlisted early and served overseas, and from his Pension Records that he suffered from malaria. The 1st and 2nd Battalions spent the whole war, apart from a few months in Northern Italy in 1917/18, in France, so service with them seems unlikely. The 1 & 2/4ths and 1 & 2/5ths however served in India and then in Mesopotamia and Palestine, which seems a more likely place to catch malaria. But the possibilities of where he was are too great to make any sensible deductions.

His surviving Pension Records run through from his 1919 discharge, to 29 September 1922, when his 'Degree of Disablement' was calculated as 100%, both the malaria and the arthritis he suffered from being due to his service. The last entry is on 4 December 1934. He was awarded a Silver War Badge, a useful protection during the war years against officious fellow citizens.

James was married in Exeter early in 1921 to Emma Mabel Jefford; they had three children, Ernest, Vera and Gladys. In the 1923 edition of Kelly's Directory James is shown as a smallholder at Charlinch, a village about 5 miles from Bridgwater.

Our next news of him is in the 1939 Register, where he too, like brother William, is living in Brighton, and is described as a Licensee with the added note 'War Disablement'. His son Ernest, living at the same address with the rest of the family, is noted as a partner in the licensed trade.

He died relatively early, on 25 March 1953, the course of his life seemingly shaped by his war service. He was then living at the Bathpool Inn in Taunton, no doubt continuing the trade of publican. In 1955 his wife Mabel re-married to Reginald Jordan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Administrative County				The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the													Page 12	
Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough Municipal Borough or Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough or Urban District		Road District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Town or Village or Hamlet						
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ROAD, STREET No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES (Uninhabited)	HOUSES (Inhabited)	HOUSES (Inhabited)	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Age last Birthday	Sex	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker or Own account	Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Infirm (5) Probation						
77 68 Barrington	1			William J. Hill	Head	38	M	General Manager	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				Eliza J. Hill	Wife	32	F				Devon, Taunton							
				James Hill	Son	2	M				Devon, Taunton							
80 66 Do.	1			Frederick Hill	Son	27	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				Frank Hill	Son	30	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				Robert Hill	Son	15	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				Rebecca Hill	Son	10	F	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				Robert Hill	Son	7	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
81 67 Do.	1			James Hill	Son	69	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
82 70 Do.	1			William Hill	Son	38	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				James Hill	Son	28	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				Robert Hill	Son	19	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
83 69 Do.	1			James Hill	Son	69	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				Robert Hill	Son	19	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				John P. Hill	Son	11	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				Robert Hill	Son	6	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				Robert Hill	Son	73	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
				Robert Hill	Son	11	M	Labourer	Noted		Devon, Taunton							
5				Total of Males and of Females.				74	73									

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Surname MANNING Christian Names James Henry Regional No. 8 / M M 2937

Unit and Regiment or Corps. Devons Regt. No. 26.1075 Rank Lt Col

Date of Discharge 27.6.14 Year of Birth 1896 Marital Status Single

Address Eagle Tavern Chard Som. Date of commencement of Pension 28.6.19

Disabilities—

1. Malaria 3. due to 1. due to 3. due to

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Particulars of Awards for previous Service (if any)

POST-AWARD CORRESPONDENCE.

Date of Letter. ACTION TAKEN. NOTE—In this column are to be entered particulars of action taken before a definite reply can be given. Date of acknowledgment, date of reference to Local Committee or to friends, and date of final reply.

Date of final Disposal. REMARKS.

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AWARDS OF PENSION, GRATUITY OR WEEKLY ALLOWANCE.

Date of Award or other Action	Degree of Disablement	Nature of Award			Weekly Rate			Period of Award	REMARKS: Note—This column to be used for explanatory remarks where necessary, e.g., that an award is made or revised under Article 9, or as the result of an appeal to the Tribunal, or for increase of Pension.
		Art. under which granted (and Warrant if necessary)	Whether Pension or Gratuity or Weekly Allowance	Whether Pension Conditional or Final	Man	Wife	Child		
27.8.20	60%	10	P	C	24			1.20.1.21	
10.21	80%	1.1.19	P	C	24			2.21.21	
26.11.21	100%	1-1	P	C	40			21.11.22	
29.9.22	100%	1.01	P	C	40			12.11.22	

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MANNING Ellen of 3 River-side Preston **Lancashire** widow died 14 September 1953 Administration **Lancaster** 9 October to Ann Lines widow. Effects £299 16s. 4d.

MANNING Elsie of 67 St. John's-road Stone Stafford **Kent** (wife of Thomas James Manning) died 11 June 1953 at Jersey Green Hospital Barking Probate **London** 29 July to Reginald Robert Caine agent and Helen May Caine (wife of the said Reginald Robert Caine). Effects £779 8s. 8d.

MANNING Emily Louisa otherwise Emily Louisa of 7 Centre-street Romford **Essex** widow died 7 May 1953 at South Green Hospital Barking Probate **London** 14 June to Reginald Grey Carter solicitor managing. Effects £288 15s. 3d.

MANNING Ernest Henry of Rockingham-road Great Baddow **Hertfordshire** died 6 February 1953 Probate **London** 1 April to Daisy Emma Alexander Florence Manning widow. Effects £1064 0s.

MANNING Ernest Reginald of 18 Darnley-road Southampton died 1 May 1953 Probate **Windsor** 24 July to Lou Mary Manning widow and Vera Lou Spencer (wife of Harry Spencer). Effects £272 13s. 10d.

MANNING Ethel Glad of 23 Tyne-road East Ham **Essex** widow died 7 May 1953 Administration **London** 2 July to Leonard Arthur Omen married woman. Effects £447 1s. 39d.

MANNING Florence Alice of Hill View Woodlands Great Cornall **Suffolk** spinster died 22 January 1953 Administration **London** 13 June to Miss Elizabeth Hole (wife of George Robert Hole). Effects £887 2s. 9d.

MANNING Frederick William of Park Corner Fairfield Gloucester **Essex** died 1 June 1953 at Hertford Hospital Gloucester Probate **Gloucester** 13 October to Thomas Henry Sewell Manning Charles assistant and Arthur John Robinson his solicitor. Effects £1815 6s. 2d.

MANNING George of Portland Cottage, Bedford-road, Blakeney **Suffolk** died 18 June 1953 Probate **London** 8 August to William Albert Spence engineer. Effects £582 3s. 4d.

MANNING George William of 61 Redlake-road Royal New Widdowes died 11 January 1953 Probate **London** 18 April to George Leslie Manning senior meter collector and Frederick William Manning automatic meter collector. Effects £1109 11s. 0d.

MANNING Gerald Miles of Phobas St. Michael **Berkshire** died 12 July 1952 Probate **Berkshire** to Isabel Robinson Manning, Harriet Nod Hackett and Gilbert Darley Byrnes. Effects £485 15s. 3d. in England, South **London** 29 May.

MANNING Gertrude Elizabeth Mary of Shipbourne Parkington **Yorkshire** (wife of Arthur Manning) died 18 June 1951 at Westwood Hospital Beverley, Yorkshire Administration **York** 21 November to the said Arthur Manning retired horse breeder. Effects £899 0s.

MANNING Hannah of 22 Strimdon Northern Delferly **Worcestershire** widow died 29 February 1953 at the Great Hospital Fulby Probate **Birmingham** 29 April to William Gilbert George Manning gas works assistant. Effects £279 8s. 14d.

MANNING Henry Ansel of 2 Bury-street Edmonton **Middlesex** died 4 March 1953 at St. Andrew Hospital Dulis Hill Middlesex Probate **London** 17 April to John Alexander Conway Limited. Effects £1312 2s.

MANNING Herbert Augustus Albert of 48 Regent-street Newcastle **Suffolk** died 21 May 1953 Probate **London** 1 August to Rebecca Marie Manning widow. Effects £1222 12s. 14d.

MANNING Horace of 26 Westwood-road Doncaster died 12 June 1951 Administration **Walsby** 25 July to Mary Manning widow. Effects £393 12s. 0d.

MANNING Horace Frank of Wincrope Letham-road Carney Island **Essex** died 27 March 1952 at Westfield Sea Hospital Westfield-on-Sea Essex Administration **London** 17 September to Elizabeth Mary Ann Manning widow. Effects £373 12s. 14d.

MANNING Robert Charles Heam of 117 Home Hill-road **London S.E.14** died 6 December 1952 Probate **London** 29 March to Amy Elizabeth Manning spinster. Effects £4278 8s. 3d.

MANNING James of Laurel Cottage, Farnham East Hockley **Surrey** died 7 April 1953 Probate **London** 6 June to Robert James Manning assistant manager paper department. Effects £391 8s.

MANNING James of 48 Symonds-street Wain Wren **Surrey** died 17 July 1953 Administration **Cambridge** 26 August to Margaret Jones Manning widow. Effects £419 8s. 5d.

MANNING James of 12 Shindridge-road Wacey **Northamptonshire** died 27 October 1952 Administration **Northampton** 16 December to Emily Lou Manning widow. Effects £87 13s. 5d.

MANNING James Charles of 91 Grosvenor-road Plymouth died 22 May 1953 at Moorlands Hospital, Plymouth Devonian Administration (with Will) **Bristol** 18 August to Florence Alberta Mayes widow. Effects £591 7s. 9d.

MANNING James George of 33 Cathedral-road Canterbury **London** died 26 December 1952 Administration **London** 11 March to Patricia Catherine Manning widow. Effects £452 18s. 14d.

MANNING James Henry of The Bathurst Inn Taunton died 26 March 1953 Probate **Bristol** 11 June to Mabel Emma Manning widow. Effects £1151 1s. 6d.

MANNING Jane Elizabeth of Fern Farm Herringwell **Suffolk** (wife of Edward George Manning) died 12 March 1951 at The General Hospital Newmarket Suffolk Administration **London** 29 April to the said Edward George Manning spinster. Effects £296 5s. 6d.

MANNING Jane Albert of 21 Thyring-street Birmingham 5 died 14 November 1952 Administration **Birmingham** 10 December to Edith Mary Almond (wife of Albert Almond). Effects £604 10s. 0d.

MANNING Jennie of 16 Finchley Park-road London N.4 spinster died 11 November 1952 at Hackney Hospital Hackney London Probate **London** 17 January to Michael Rank Executive and Finance Company Limited. Effects £622 19s. 7d.

MANNING John James of 86 North-road **Bournemouth** died 30 November 1952 at Christchurch Hospital Christchurch Bournemouth Administration **Cambridge** 7 March to Ellen, Jane, and Harold (wife of David Lindsay Rankford) and Thomas Owen Jenkins police sergeant. Effects £7803 2s. 5d.

MANNING John William of The Retreat West-street South Kish **Devonshire** died 29 October 1952 Probate **London** 29 January to Alice Maria Manning widow Edith Mary Manning spinster and Edith Cox farmer. Effects £4918 3s. 6d.

MANNING Josephine Eliza otherwise Josephine of 24 Colchester Loughton **Essex** spinster died 6 April 1953 Administration (with Will) **London** 12 June to Thomas Horner Manning spinster. Effects £262 15s. 6d.

MANNING Kestrel Marguerite of 42 Abingdon-road Villa Westbourne Park **London W.11** spinster died 6 May 1952 Administration (limited) **London** 11 October to Elizabeth Mary Red spinster attorney of Tax, Miss Mary and Mrs. Albert married woman. Effects £229 11s. 6d.

MANNING Lacey otherwise Lenny of 40 Cross-road Romford **Essex** widow died 19 January 1953 at Harold Wood Hospital Harold Wood Essex Administration **London** 19 February to Violet Smith married woman. Effects £451.

MANNING Leo Ignatius of Roscoe West Heath-road **Boston** died 1 March 1953 Probate **Boston** 29 March to Agnes Dachs Manning widow. Effects £2863 13s. 2d.

MANNING Lilian of 112 Harland-avenue Coventry widow died 7 June 1953 Administration **Birmingham** 27 November to George Christopher Manning painter and decorator and Iris May Beaumont (wife of Frank Dennis Beaumont). Effects £2307.

MANNING Lilian Mary otherwise Lilian Mary of 18 Holbourn-street **Cambridge** widow died 17 June 1953 Probate **Peterborough** 29 November to Eric Lewis Graham James principal Socks and Shoes Department Lyle's Bank Limited. Effects £259 13s. 4d.

MANNING Lillian or Eliza. See Eliza for Lillian.

MANNING Lottie of The Star Hatchcock Gloucestershire widow died 21 October 1952 at Sturgeson Regent, Sturgeson Bristol Administration **Gloucester** 26 November to Edgar George Manning clerical worker. Effects £675 2s. 20d.

MANNING Louise of 72 Leighton-road Pans **Wolverhampton** (wife of Ernest Manning) died 19 July 1953 at Royal Hospital Wolverhampton Probate **Birmingham** 26 September to the said Ernest Manning mixed furniture dealer. Effects £135 13s. 10d.

MANNING Machine of 11 St. Margaret-road New Market **Manchester** (wife of James Hecker Manning) died 7 June 1953 at Royal Infirmary Manchester 11 Probate **Manchester** 9 August to Clifford Seymour clerk and Erika Eileen Seymour (wife of the said Clifford Seymour). Effects £144 6s. 0d.

MANNING Mary Ann of 4 Goswell-street Market Harborough **Leicestershire** widow died 26 October 1953 Probate **London** 24 November to George Henry Manning shirtmaker and 32/22 Thyring-Hatfield-shed-cloth. Effects £221 15s. 6d.

MANNING Mary Elizabeth of 32 Ashfield-road Abchurch **Cheshire** widow died 25 January 1953 at 25 Redfane, Wigan Hospital Wigan Probate **Cheshire** 10 March to William James Seymour Norman clerk. Effects £728 12s. 6d.

MANNING Mary Elizabeth of 35 Langham-street Great Portland-street **London W.1** spinster died 11 April 1953 at Stoke Mandeville Hospital Aylesbury Administration **York** 14 August to John Richard Manning shipping clerk. Effects £595 18s. 11d.

MANNING Percival William Cyril of 48 Vendergh-avenue Black-bath **London** died 17 April 1953 Administration (with Will) **London** 11 June to Ethel Alice Manning widow. Effects £897 15s.

MANNING Percy John of 92 Houghton-street **Leicester** died 13 March 1953 at James General Cemetery Bedfordshire Probate **Leicester** 9 June to Arthur Henry Healey solicitor. Effects £995 15s. 14d.

MANNING Robert Paulman of 69 Handford-road Hord **Essex** died 29 November 1952 at King George Hospital Thetford Administration (with Will) (limited) **London** 26 December to The Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court of Judicature. Effects £2283 13s. 10d.

MANNING Selma otherwise Collins of Hollingham House Church-road Thundersley **Essex** spinster died 18 September 1953 at The General Hospital Barking Essex Administration (with Will) **London** 4 December to Bessie Dora Collins (wife of William John Francis Gibson). Effects £1070 3s. 4d.

MANNING Sidney of 11 South-road **Bedford** died 18 November 1952 at The General Hospital Bedford Administration **Essex** 18 January to Bertha Ann Manning widow. Effects £1383 14s. 5d.

MANNING Thomas Arthur of 27 Balfour-avenue Chiswick **London W.4** died 29 December 1952 Administration **London** 25 March to Frederick Ernest Manning training college lecturer. Effects £575 4s. 4d.

MANNING Thomas James Hirstable of 3 Mount Doherty **Essex** died 29 December 1952 at 77 Heathfield-road Essex Probate **Essex** 22 February to Charles Morrison (station railway signalman and Harrie Hamstead spinster. Effects £1406 6s.

MANNING Tom of 84 Fouldry-chase Gifford Estate **Leeds** died 6 April 1953 at St. James Hospital Beckett-street Leeds Probate **Walsby** 24 April to Louisa Mennan (wife of Dennis Mennan). Effects £187 19s.

MANNING Walter of 175 New-road Great Wakering **Essex** died 4 February 1953 at the General Hospital Southend-on-sea Essex Administration **London** 12 May to Dorothea Florence Manning spinster. Effects £2289 2s. 10d.

MANNING Wilfred John Charles of Hole Farm Irlitham Riddold **Devonshire** died 4 May 1953 Probate **Windsor** 24 July to Lydia Reed Limited. Effects £258 6s. 4d.

MANNING William of 45 Western-road Melksham **Dorsetshire** died 29 December 1952 Probate **Manchester** 29 January to Charles William Manning time study engineer. Effects £1487 14s. 8d.

MANNING William of 5 Low Group-avenue **Leeds** died 6 June 1953 at St. James Leeds Administration **Leeds** 10 September to Elizabeth Manning widow. Effects £201.

MANNING William Alexander of 40 Portland-avenue Devonport **Essex** died 1 September 1952 at St. Marys Hospital Colchester Administration **Leeds** 6 January to Emma Manning widow. Effects £136 14s. 2d.

MANNING William Anstons of 65 Presholme-road Southam **London** died 17 May 1953 Probate **London** 15 July to Florence Heale Manning widow. Effects £774 6s.

MANNING William Ernest of 27 Stagers-road South Norwood **London S.E.19** died 14 December 1952 on the way to St. Marys Hospital Croydon Surrey Administration **London** 11 February to Lydia Manning widow. Effects £274 8s. 8d.

MANNING William George of 28 Romney-street Holloway **London N.7** died 25 May 1953 Administration **London** 29 July to Edith Florence Manning widow. Effects £1467 19s. 4d.

MANNING William James of 40 Park-road Newbury Park Head **Essex** died 2 November 1953 Probate **London** 10 December to Roma Lydia Manning widow. Effects £219 8s. 14d.

MANNING the reverend William Norman of Old George Road **Surrey** clerk died 27 January 1953 Probate **Windsor** 8 April to Francis William Manning and Norman C. C. Manning schoolmaster. Effects £1146 18s. 14d.

MANNING Albert William Samuel of 36 Havelock-street Saitburth **Wiltshire** died 29 May 1953 at Victoria Hospital Saitburth Administration **Windsor** 11 August to EMBOLD Nelly Manning spinster. Effects £379 8s. 4d.

MANNING Mary Augusta of 30 Cornwell-road Burgess Hill **Sussex** died 16 April 1953 Probate **London** 6 June to Dorothea Emma Manning and Evelyn Manning spinsters. Effects £275 15s. 2d.

MANNING Thomas Edward of 26 Doughty Park-road **London N.W.4** died 4 June 1953 at Bedford County Council Hospital Bedfordshire Administration **London** 4 June to Edward Laurence Manning insurance agent. Effects £142 11s. 2d.

MANNING Elizabeth of 18 Tinsdale Flitt Bridge near Wigan **Essex** died 2 August 1953 Probate **Liverpool** 18 August to Catherine Bennett (wife of John Bennett) and Margaret Norman (wife of Vincent Norman). Effects £294 16s. 3d.