

BRIZE NORTON REMEMBERS

BRIZE NORTON AND WORL'S WAR TWO



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Dr Phil Holmes to mark the seventy fifth
anniversary of the end of the Second World
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commemorate those from the village of
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Treatment & Approach

Only two people from Brize Norton are known to have fallen in the Second World War unlike the numbers in the First World War (see my book on Brize Norton and WW1). So the focus is on those who served during the Second World War. To understand who might have served we need to paint a picture of life in Brize Norton during the war years (1939 to 1945) and to look for any records of any villagers. Many of these villagers will have had "reserved" occupations including work on the land. There was also role of the RAF base (RAF Brize Norton) adjacent to the village.

Sources

It follows that the sources used are of different provenance and completeness. For example, the Commonwealth War Graves material is accurate and can be relied up. The Census information relates to a particular time and place, ten years apart it relies on the thoroughness of the census taker and the accuracy of data given. For example, there are misspellings and inaccuracies because of oral questioning and, perhaps most disappointing is that nearly all addresses were

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recorded as “cottage”, this makes identifying particular properties in Brize difficult, if not impossible. However we are lucky in that a national register was created on 20th September 1939 and can be used to identify residents at that time.

The military records are of very variable quality, some badly damaged and illegible. We are aware that many records were lost as a result of enemy action in World War 2. Most were written from oral examination so that misspelt names frequently occur - a good example are the various spellings Brize Norton or indeed the absence of this vital link. Surnames are also misspelt and don't always tie up with the census data. It is partly for this reason that the sources have deliberately been given separate chapters. We acknowledge there can be inconsistencies across the chapters.

To preserve the individual integrity of the actual data extracted into this book and the various tables, each data element has been taken as given in the relevant source. This may be seen a purist approach but I believe is justified - we cannot re-write the records and cannot take the view that

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one source is right and another wrong, although one might regard from the above discussion that one source is unreliable.

Another valuable source of information is the Register of Admissions for Brize Norton school. This helps identify children who lived in the village, giving their dates of birth. Many of these children do not appear in the 1939 Register mentioned above.

Yet another source of data is a list of residents from about 1928.

A corollary of the way the book is written is there is some duplication and repetition but hopefully this will be tolerated.

Abbreviations

In most cases the abbreviations have been spelt out. However there are occasions where Battalion, Company, etc have been abbreviated to Btn, Co, etc,

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Access to data sources

I have relied at this stage on online sources with few exceptions. It is possible that hard copy records from military and other archives in regimental museums, local and county libraries, and national archives and museums could furnish more information but this clearly would necessitate time and travel to visit these resources or the cost of employing researchers.

Availability of online service records

Three online sources have been accessed:

FindmyPast

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/>

Forces War Records

<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/>

Ancestry

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/>

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Chapter 1 - A rural community

Brize Norton is a small rural community in the Cotswolds situated 6 miles to the west of Witney and 3 miles north of Bampton. The village is mentioned in the Domesday Book. The history of the village is given in a number of sources, notably the Victorian History Society publication and



Brize Norton Parish Council's publication - "Brize Norton through the Ages" compiled by the author.

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In 1911 the population for Brize Norton and Lew was 627 (553 in Brize Norton itself). The population in 1939 is hard to determine because of the 100 year rule (explained in Chapter 4). An analysis of the 1939 register and the 1911 census shows the occupations of the villagers were nearly all related to the land.

The table below shows the breakdown (see overleaf)

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<u>Males</u>	1939[1911]	<u>Females</u>	1939[1911]
agricultural commercial	1	agricultural labourer	[1]
agricultural labourer	1	assistant draper	[2]
allotment holder	[2]	assistant in business	[3]
armed forces	19 [3]	assistant on diary farm	[2]
assistant grocer	4 [2]	assistant in post office	[2]
assistant on farm	1 [2]	blanket factory worker	2
assistant overseer	[1]	bookkeeper	1
assists in business	[2]	child under school age	2 [64]
bailiff	[1]	companion	[1]
baker	2 [4]	cook	1 [1]
bricklayer	3	dairy woman	[2]
blacksmith	1	domestic	12 [6]
builder's labourer	2	dressmaker	2 [5]
builder	2	farmer	1 [2]

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<u>Males</u>	1939[1911]	<u>Females</u>	1939[1911]
butcher	[2]	farm related	[2]
car worker	1	general storekeeper	1[1]
commercial traveller	2	gloveress	[1]
Carpenter/ wheelwright	7[4]	governess	[1]
carrier	[2]	hairdresser	2
carter on farm	10[12]	housekeeper	2[1]
cattleman	[3]	housemaid	1[3]
child under school age	2[50]	housewife*	130[123]
clergyman	1[1]	incapacitated	7
coach painter	[1]	inn keeper	1[1]
coalman	1[2]	laundry worker	5
cowman	6[6]	milliner	[1]
electrical engineer	[1]	oap	4[7]
farm labourer	17[46]	parlourmaid	[3]

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<u>Males</u>	1939[1911]	<u>Females</u>	1939[1911]
farm waggoner	[1]	postmistress	[1]
farmer	8[16]	poultry farmer	[1]
fish & fruit merchant	1	private means	4[8]
garage mechanic	1	scholar	13[36]
gardener	2	school teacher	1[10]
general labourer	4	seamstress	[1]
general road foreman	1	secretary	[1]
grocer/grocer's assistant	2[3]	servant	[7]
groom	[3]	shop keeper	1[1]
haulier	[1]	shop manager	2
hay tyer on farm	[1]	shop assistant	2
helping on farm	[7]	widowed	[6]

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<u>Males</u>	1939[1911]	<u>Females</u>	1939[1911]
horse boy/horseman	2[11]	others	
incapacitated	1		
jobbing builder	2		
junior wages clerk	1		
labourer air ministry	2		
labourer bus garage	1		
Labourer MOT	1		
length man permanent way	1		
lorry driver	1		
keeper game	[1]		
manager general stores	1		
market gardener	2		
mason	[8]		

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<u>Males</u>	1939[1911]	<u>Females</u>	1939[1911]
mason's labourer	2		
master baker	1		
master builder	1		
master smith & postmaster	1		
metal worker	2		
mill hand spinner	1		
model engineer	[1]		
motor mechanic	1		
motor driver	1		
oap/retired	15[9]		
permanent way worker	1		
plough boy	[1]		
plumber & heating engineer	2		

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<u>Males</u>	1939[1911]	<u>Females</u>	1939[1911]
police	[1]		
poultry worker	1		
pub work labourer	2		
public works labourer	1		
railway	[1]		
road labourer/road man	1[8]		
road surveyor	[1]		
salesman	2		
scholar	22[36]		
school teacher	1[1]		
seeking work	2		
sewage attendant (RAF)	1		
shepherd	3[8]		

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<u>Males</u>	1939[1911]	<u>Females</u>	1939[1911]
signalman	1		
small holder	3		
solicitor	[1]		
steam engineer driver/threshing	1		
stoker & machinist	1		
stoker air ministry	1		
stone mason	1		
Storeman/clerk RAF	2		
stud groom	[1]		
sub-postmaster	[1]		
tailor	[1]		
threshing machinist	1[1]		
traction engine driver	[1]		

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<u>Males</u>	1939[1911]	<u>Females</u>	1939[1911]
under cowman	2		
under gardener	1		
under school age	3		
unpaid domestic duties	3		
upholsterer	1		
waggoner/under waggoner	[8]		
wool spinner	1		
other	[4]		
<u>Totals</u>	205[316]	<u>Totals</u>	202[311]
			407[627]

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It should be noted that the numbers of scholars and underage children are understated because some records are "closed" in the 1939 register (see Chapter 4 for an explanation).

Comparing the figures for 1911 and 1939 it is clear that much of the community is related to agriculture but with more mechanisation. A number of individuals are members of the RAF at Brize Norton Air Base or employed there. A few are clearly employed in Witney and further afield. A breakdown is given below.

Agricultural related	RAF related	Other in work	Remainder
60	25	85	33
30%	12%	42%	16%

It is always interesting to look at the numbers of residents listed in the 1939 register with the same surname. The table below lists those in 1939 with a comparison to that in 1911. Only those with more than one household are given.

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Surname	*No of households	No of people in 1911	No of people in 1939
Archer	5 [3]	12	9
Ayers	2		5
Baldock	2		4
Barnes	3 [3]	15	4
Bellenger	5 [5]	19	16
Drinkwater	3[8]	29	10
Faulkner	9[7]	33	12
Field	2[3]	10	4
Kinchin	3[4]	20	7
Miles	3		5
Mills	2		5
Pratley	2		5
Prior	2		4
Temple	2		4
Timms	11[13]	43	22
Upstone	2[4]	18	4
Wilkins	6		2

* Number of households in 1939. Figures in square brackets for 1911

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Please see the full breakdown from the 1939 register in Appendix 3

It is also illuminating to look at the age structure from the 1939 register:

A number of young adults were excluded from the 1939 Register as explained above so the totals in the lower age groups were higher than given.

MALE		FEMALE	
under 10	11	under 10	8
11-19	20	11-19	12
20-29	16	20-29	16
30-39	22	30-39	20
40-49	17	40-49	24
50-59	21	50-59	19
60-69	13	60-69	17
70-79	10	70-79	11
over 80	1	over 80	7
	131		134
			265

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Chapter 2 - The Village School

I have been lucky enough to loan the school register for Brize Norton School since its inception. This is an invaluable source of information about the school and the village community. My thanks to Mrs Anna Fairhurst, The headteacher for the loan of this precious piece of village/school history.

I have concentrated on an analysis of the register for the boys who might have fought in the Second World War and who attended the village school. A complete analysis of the document would provide a good insight of the school population over the ages, but this would necessarily be in another publication following a good deal of work.

The admissions register for Brize Norton School provides the following information for the years with which we are concerned: The admission number, the date of admission (and re-admission), the scholar's name, the address of the parents or guardian, the name of the parent or guardian, the scholar's date of birth, the previous school if any, the date last attended the school and the reason for leaving.

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From the admissions register we can identify the boys who might have fought in WW2. Appendix 1 is an extract of the schools admissions register solely for those within the ambit of our research for this book.

The admission register combined with the 1939 Register and the 1928 list of residents will aid the identification of others who may have served or fought in WW2. This is the subject of other chapters.

In the table below the colour codes are as follows:

Green = parents from the school register
(1913 - 1931)

Dk Blue = children from the school register
(1913 - 1931)

Brown = people from the 1928 listing

Red = equivalent record from the 1939 register with current occupation

This colour coding is incomplete. The red number in square brackets relate to 1939 Register and "house numbering" (see Chapter 4)

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surname	christian name	date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1935	age in 1945
Bye	John	01/04/1921	baker	Bungallow	18	23
Bye	John	01/04/1921	At School	Brize Norton	18	23
Cole	Michael Vi	29/12/1920	At School	Brize Norton	18	23
Drinkwater	Reginald Art	25/06/1921	At School	Brize Norton	18	23
Giles	Lovell	18/09/1920	At School	Brize Norton	18	23
Giles	Lovell F	28/09/1920	salesman	Brize Norton (18)	18	23
Hunt	Cecil	01/10/1920	At School	Brize Norton	18	23
Sollis	Arthur E	04/10/1920	farm labourer	Brize Norton (42)	18	23
Sollis	Arthur Edw	04/10/1920	At School	Brize Norton	18	23
Timms	Edwin	06/01/1921	At School	Brize Norton	18	23
Trulocke	Cecil	15/03/1921	At School	Brize Norton	18	23
Drinkwater	Edward	06/02/1920	general labourer	Brize Norton	19	24
Gale	Alec	04/01/1920	At School	Brize Norton	19	24
Keen	Harold	29/04/1920	At School	Carterton	19	24
Megson	Ronald	29/06/1920	At School	Brize Norton	19	24
Millis	John Edwa	26/05/1920	At School	Brize Norton	19	24
Moore	Henry	09/06/1920	At School	Brize Norton	19	24
Portlock	Edward	14/09/1919	At School	Brize Norton	19	24
Robins	Charles	31/07/1920	At School	Brize Norton	19	24
Smith	Harry	10/06/1920	At School	Carterton	19	24
Trulocke	Alwyn	08/10/1919	At School	Brize Norton	19	24
Weston	Thomas	02/10/1919	At School	Brize Norton	19	24
Winfield	Stanley	12/12/1919	At School	Brize Norton	19	24
Broughton	Donald	31/12/1918	At School	Brize Norton	20	25

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surname	christian name date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1935	age in 1945
Drinkwater Reginald	22/05/1919	At School	Brize Norton	20	25
Vincent Ernest Geo	22/05/1919	At School	Brize Norton	20	25
Archer Reginald	23/01/1918	At School	Brize Norton	21	26
Blye Paul	18/09/1917	At School	Brize Norton	21	26
Bourne Stanley	18/10/1917	At School	Newbridge	21	26
Bye Paul	18/09/1917	At School	Brize Norton	21	26
Bye Paul	15/10/1917	motor mechanic	Bungallow Brize N	21	26
Cole Terence Es	29/06/1918	At School	Brize Norton	21	26
Iwin Leonard Ri	14/08/1918	At School	Carterton	21	26
Robins George Hei	14/07/1918	At School	Brize Norton	21	26
Sykes Thos Arthur	30/05/1918	At School	Brize Norton	21	26
Wheeler George	25/12/1917	At School	Brize Norton	21	26
Ayres Albert Jose	03/04/1917	At School	Brize Norton	22	27
Badger Alexander	25/04/1917	At School	Brize Norton	22	27
Hedges George	24/06/1917	At School	Brize Norton	22	27
James George	29/11/1916	At School	Brize Norton	22	27
Robins Frederick	05/09/1916	At School	Brize Norton	22	27
Rouse Robert	04/03/1917	At School	Brize Norton	22	27
Sollis Albert	09/03/1917	At School	Brize Norton	22	27
Timms Arthur	28/06/1917	At School	Brize Norton	22	27
Winfield Perrin	28/01/1917	At School	Brize Norton	22	27
Connolly Frank	24/11/1915	At School	Carterton	23	28
Humphrey Henry	12/05/1916	At School	Brize Norton	23	28
Irvin Walter	20/06/1916	At School	Carterton	23	28

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			christian name date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1935	age in 1945
Jeffries	John		21/09/1915 At School	Brize Norton		23	28
Kyte	George		02/11/1915 At School	Brize Norton		23	28
Pratley	Charles P		02/03/1916 farm carter	Kilkenny Cottage:		23	28
Russel	Harold		06/09/1915 At School	Brize Norton		23	28
Wells	William		28/07/1916 carpenter & join	Kilkenny		23	28
Wilkins	Herbert		28/02/1916 At School	Brize Norton		23	28
Ashby	Henry		02/01/1915 At School	Carterton		24	29
Ayres	Frank		13/09/1914 At School	Brize Norton		24	29
Ayres	Frank		03/09/1914 under gardner	Brize norton (35)		24	29
Bretnell	Charles J		05/06/1915 under cowman -	Brize Norton (51)		24	29
Cambray	George		06/12/1914 At School	Brize Norton		24	29
Coggins	John		23/02/1915 At School	Brize Norton		24	29
Foot	Raymond F		23/01/1915 At School	Carterton		24	29
Gilles	Fred		28/04/1915 At School	Brize Norton		24	29
James	Robert		11/04/1915 At School	Brize Norton		24	29
Keeling	Ernest		30/11/1914 At School	Brize Norton		24	29
Mott	R		24/05/1915 aircraft fitter	The Chequers Put		24	29
Riley	Walter		28/10/1914 At School	Carterton		24	29
Sollis	Charles		14/10/1914 At School	Brize Norton		24	29
Taylor	George		17/10/1914 At School	Brize Norton		24	29
Upstone	William		16/03/1915 At School	Brize Norton		24	29
Vincent	Albert John		22/02/1915 At School	Brize Norton		24	29
Wiggins	Percy		18/04/1915 At School	Brize Norton		24	29
Wilkins	Lewis		23/09/1914 agricultural farm	Manor Farm, Briz		24	29

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			christian name date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1935	age in 1945
Baldrom	Edward		16/05/1914	At School	Carterton	25	30
Broughton	William		12/03/1914	At School	Brize Norton	25	30
Dicks	James		28/04/1914	At School	Brize Norton	25	30
Faulkner	Eric		10/08/1914	At School	Brize Norton	25	30
Faulkner	Eric		10/08/1914	carpenter	Burford Road (10)	25	30
Faulkner	Frank		01/10/1913	At School	Brize Norton	25	30
Green	Bernard		30/11/1913	At School	Brize Norton	25	30
Irvin	Albert		01/01/1914	At School	Carterton	25	30
Jeffris	Walter		17/02/1914	At School	Brize Norton	25	30
Preston	John		06/05/1914	At School	Brize Norton	25	30
Ruck	Eric Francis		16/04/1914	At School	Carterton	25	30
Smith	Peter		07/02/1914	At School	Brize Norton	25	30
Spreckly	Ivor		14/05/1914	At School	Carterton	25	30
Tetley	Bertie		03/04/1914	At School	Brize Norton	25	30
Viner	John		11/11/1913	At School	Brize Norton	25	30
Archer	Albert S		11/07/1913	At School	Brize Norton	26	31
Archer	Albert S		15/07/1913	general labourer	Chapel Hill (54)	26	31
Badger	Michael		21/05/1913	At School	Brize Norton	26	31
Baker	Raymond		12/04/1913	At School	Carterton	26	31
Bellenger	Clifford		07/06/1913	At School	Brize Norton	26	31
Godwin	Christophe		17/09/1912	At School	Brize Norton	26	31
Hanfield	Francis Th		30/01/1913	At School	Carterton	26	31
Humphrey	Albert		11/07/1913	At School	Brize Norton	26	31
Humphrey	Edward		11/07/1913	At School	Brize Norton	26	31

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Matthews	Vincent	14/04/1913	At School	Brize Norton	26	31
Mills	Reginald W	15/07/1913	At School	Brize Norton	26	31
Preston	William	17/01/1913	At School	Brize Norton	26	31
Preston	William	17/01/1913	metal worker - s	Bampton Road (7	26	31
Sollis	Ronald	06/04/1913	At School	Brize Norton	26	31
Timms	Gordon	08/09/1912	At School	Carterton	26	31
Timms	Joseph	18/04/1913	At School	Brize Norton	26	31
Timms	Joseph E	18/04/1913	jobbing builder	Brize Norton (91	26	31
Bower	Stanley	06/12/1911	At School	Carterton	27	32
Broughton	Harold	02/04/1912	At School	Brize Norton	27	32
Green	Eric	20/04/1912	At School	Brize Norton	27	32
Hall	Maurice	11/07/1912	wool spinner	Manor Cottages (27	32
Humphrey	Albert	20/09/1911	At School	Brize Norton	27	32
Humphries	James Fred	17/12/1911	At School	Brize Norton	27	32
Hunt	William	06/02/1912	At School	Brize Norton	27	32
Keeling	Robert Wil	16/08/1912	At School	Carterton	27	32
Lewis	Ewart Bazil	11/06/1912	At School	Brize Norton	27	32
Lohman	Maurice	13/07/1912	At School	Brize Norton	27	32
Lohmann	Richard	13/07/1912	poultry worker	Westway, Brize N	27	32
Pinniger	John	19/03/1912	At School	Brize Norton	27	32
Bellenger	Frank	04/12/1910	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Bellenger	Reginald	07/05/1911	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Burke	Daniel	25/09/1910	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Faulder	Benjamin	03/07/1911	At School	Carterton	28	33

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surname	christian name	date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1935	age in 1945
Gardner	Edwin	11/08/1911	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Haggett	Fred	12/02/1911	At School	Carterton	28	33
Hill	Arthur	24/10/1910	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Long	Ronald	30/01/1911	At School	Carterton	28	33
Marshall	Albert	08/12/1910	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Miles	Herbert	20/11/1910	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Mogen	Harold	03/03/1911	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Potts	Henry	23/07/1911	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Price	Frederick	12/02/1911	At School	Carterton	28	33
Timms	Fred Harold	16/10/1910	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Turner	Edward	07/11/1910	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Wheeler	Robert	31/05/1911	At School	Brize Norton	28	33
Wilkins	P	28/02/1911	agricultural farm	Manor Farm, Briz	28	33
Broughton	Cecil	07/06/1910	aircraft riggers	n nr Post Office, Bri	29	34
Fox	Cyril	11/02/1910	At School	Brize Norton	29	34
Jepson	William	11/04/1910	aircraft fitter	The Chequers Pub	29	34
Lewis	Bernard NC	25/12/1909	At School	Brize Norton	29	34
Mills	William	22/12/1909	At School	Brize Norton	29	34
Pearce	Edward	26/10/1909	At School	Brize Norton	29	34
Stubbs	Maurice	11/09/1909	At School	Brize Norton	29	34
Timms	Cyril	03/07/1910	At School	Carterton	29	34
Woodley	Philip	25/03/1910	At School	Brize Norton	29	34
Bellenger	Charles	07/06/1909	At School	Brize Norton	30	35
Bellenger	Charles E	09/06/1909	storman RAF	Brize Norton (45)	30	35

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surname	christian name	date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1935	age in 1945
Burke	Edward Joe	28/01/1909	At School	Brize Norton	30	35
Godwin	Wilfred	24/07/1909	At School	Brize Norton	30	35
Herbert	Fred	18/10/1908	At School	Brize Norton	30	35
Hill	Edwin	15/11/1908	At School	Brize Norton	30	35
Hopkins	George	11/10/1908	At School	Brize Norton	30	35
James	John	21/06/1909	At School	Carterton	30	35
Joyce	John	08/08/1909	At School	Brize Norton	30	35
Long	William	30/04/1909	At School	Brize Norton	30	35
Morton	George	12/12/1908	At School	Brize Norton	30	35
Mullborro Albet		13/08/1909	stores clerk RAF		30	35
Neale	Eric	16/10/1908	At School	Brize Norton	30	35
Timms	Arthur	11/12/1908	At School	Carterton	30	35
Timms	John	11/12/1908	At School	Carterton	30	35
Ambrose	Richard	27/12/1907	At School	Brize Norton	31	36
Browne	John	25/07/1908	At School	Carterton	31	36
Lomas	Edward J	23/02/1908	farm carter	Manor Cottages (31	36
Savory	Edward N	24/08/1908	grocer assistant	Brize Norton (76)	31	36
Smith	Joseph	07/09/1907	At School	Brize Norton	31	36
Timms	Alfred Will	09/10/1907	At School	Brize Norton	31	36
Archer	Ernest	31/08/1907	horseman on far Field	Brize Norton	32	37
Baldock	Wilfred	14/07/1907	clerk air service	Brize Norton (105	32	37
Brione	David	10/11/1906	At School	Brize Norton	32	37
Connolly	Richard	03/02/1907	At School	Carterton	32	37
Emberlin	Edwin	21/08/1907	At School	Brize Norton	32	37

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		christian name	date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1935	age in 1945
Hill	Cecil		25/02/1907	At School	Brize Norton	32	37
Hill	Rowland		03/10/1906	At School	Brize Norton	32	37
Hunt	Arthur		18/08/1907	At School	Brize Norton	32	37
Vines	Joseph		16/03/1907	At School	Brize Norton	32	37
Arnold	Charles		24/09/1905	At School	Brize Norton	33	38
Boyd	Alexander		01/08/1906	At School	Carterton	33	38
Hickman	Herbert		17/08/1906	At School	Brize Norton	33	38
Humphrey	Edward		18/09/1905	At School	Brize Norton	33	38
Humphries	William Th		23/10/1905	At School	Brize Norton	33	38
Mills	Walter		14/02/1906	At School	Brize Norton	33	38
Temple	Wilfred		30/01/1906	lorry driver	Brize Norton (69)	33	38
Timms	Percival J		07/10/1905	jobbing builder	- Brize Norton (43)	33	38
Walters	William		31/08/1906	At School	Brize Norton	33	38
Whitehous	Charles		10/01/1906	At School	Brize Norton	33	38
Wiggins	Sidney		04/06/1906	At School	Brize Norton	33	38
Baldwin	Albert		21/05/1905	At School	Carterton	34	39
Faulder	John		31/08/1905	At School	Carterton	34	39
Hopkins	James		02/09/1904	At School	Brize Norton	34	39
Irvin	John		28/06/1905	At School	Carterton	34	39
Isaacs	Fred		17/12/1904	At School	Brize Norton	34	39
Riseborough	Ronald		17/10/1904	At School	Carterton	34	39
Rose	Albury		14/01/1905	At School	Carterton	34	39
South	George		01/01/1905	At School	Brize Norton	34	39
Watwin	Edwin		14/08/1905	agricultural con The Cottage, Burf		34	

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surname	christian name	date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1935	age in 1945
Widdowso	Charles	21/03/1905	At School	Brize Norton	34	39
Barnes	Gordon J	19/03/1904	manager genera The Stores, Brize	Brize Norton	35	40
Burrows	William	25/05/1904	At School	Brize Norton	35	40
Faulkner	Ernest	24/05/1904	car chassis inspe	Brize Norton (41)	35	40
Gardner	Harold	23/06/1904	At School	Brize Norton	35	40
Hunt	Albert W	21/11/1903	farm labourer	Brize Norton (46)	35	40
Norman	William C	22/02/1904	At School	Bampton	35	40
Baldwin	John	27/06/1903	At School	Carterton	36	41
Kenlock	Arthur	24/08/1903	agricultural farm	Astrop Farm, Briz	36	41
Martin	John	08/03/1903	At School	Bampton	36	41
Miles	George	13/12/1902	At School	Brize Norton	36	41
Smith	William He	21/04/1903	At School	Brize Norton	36	41
Courtney	Frederick	02/04/1902	air ministry polis	Beckley House, Br	37	42
Garratt	Charles	19/03/1902	threshing machi	Lingermans, Brize	37	42
Hopkins	Frederick	15/02/1902	At School	Brize Norton	37	42
James	Raymond	28/02/1902	chaffeur & garc	The Laurels, Brize	37	42
Preece	Charles	05/11/1901	farming - small	Brize Norton (53)	37	42
Stake	Harold J	14/04/1902	mill hand spinne 2	Bognor Terrace,	37	42
Wilkins	Harold	12/05/1902	At School	Brize Norton	37	42
Barnes	George	02/04/1901	master baker	Chichester House	38	43
Rose	Archie	25/08/1901	At School	Carterton	38	43
Simons	Alfred	13/01/1901	school teacher	The School House	38	43
Sweetingh	James	28/12/1900	unpaid domestic	Moat Farm, Brize	38	43
Ambrose	Charles		At School	Brize Norton	39	44

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		surname	christian name	date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1939	age in 1945
Drinkwater	Edward			At School	Brize Norton	39	44	
Faulkner	Joseph			At School	Brize Norton	39	44	
Faulkner	Joseph W			04/05/1900 coal merchant	la Chapel Hill (52)	39	44	
Sollis	George			At School	Brize Norton	39	44	
Drinkwater	Frederick C	16/5/1899		general road for	Brize Norton (30)	40	45	
Kinchen	John	16/7/1899		stoker & machin	4 Bognor Terrace,	40	45	
Timms	Thomas	1/2/1899		Batman No 2 FT	Brize Norton (19)	40	45	

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It follows that where there is no entry for that person in the 1939 register the person had left the village by 1939.

The forgoing tables were used to identify possible candidates whilst researching for those who might have served during WW2 as explained in later chapters.

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Chapter 3 - 1928 list of residents

Another source of information is a list of Brize Norton residents compiled around 1928. This is useful to show movement of people between 1911 and 1939. The table below is an alphabetical list by surname. The original listing by street is given in Appendix 2.

Please note that children's names and any lodgers are not included in the list.

The reference or sequence numbers assigned by me are a form of house numbering system best seen in Appendix 2 which lists the houses in order as "you" walk through the village from the South.

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Surname	Ref	Add1	Add2	Notes
Abbott	Mr	51	3 cottages	
Archer	Mrs	59	2 cottages	
Archer	and wife	38	5 cottages	
Archer	and family (mine?)	55	2 cottages	
Archer	and wife	111 Chapel Corner	4 cottages	Frank's mother - demolished
Ayers	Emily	21	cottage	
Barnes	Pearce	72	Chichester House	
Barnes	and wife	81	The Shop	grocery & drapery
Barnes	and wife	102	Poplar House	
Barnes	and wife	104	Bakhouse	
Bayliss	Mrs	10	Carpenters Arms Pub	married - Mrs Timms?
Bidger		143 Minster Lovell Road	Grove Farm	
Bellinger		76	Cottage	Demolished
Bellinger	Charles	89	2 thatched cottages	
Bellinger	Mrs	131	4 cottages	
Bellinger	Tom	123	3 cottages	
Bellinger	and wife	128	House	demolished
Broadway		16	3 cottages	
Brookton	Mrs	71	cottage	
Broughton	Mr	49	2 cottages	
Busby	Bill	52	3 cottages	
Butler	Rev	100	The Vicarage	
Bye	Albert	47	Bye Cottage	
Bye	Tom	right hand side from Bampton	2 cottages	
Cambray	and wife	29	2 cottages	
Castle	Mr	33	The Manor	
Clutterbuck		87	2 cottages	
Coggins		119	5 cottages	
Coles		61	Thatcher's Cottage	now demolished
Drinkwater	Mr	48	4 cottages	
Drinkwater	and wife	105	2 cottages	
Drinkwater	and wife	120	house	
Drinkwater	and wife	122	4 cottages	
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Surname	Name	and wife	Ref	Add1	Add2	Notes
Dyer		and wife	4		2 farm cottages	
Eden		and wife	103	Cottage		
Faulkner	Albert	and wife	25		2 cottages	
Faulkner	Fred	and wife	24		2 cottages	
Faulkner	Joseph (Frank)		54		2 cottages	
Faulkner	Mr		105	Mabor Farm Buildings	4 cottages	
Faulkner	Mrs		30		2 cottages	
Faulkner	Mrs		82		3 cottages	
Faulkner	Mrs		124		3 cottages	
Fields	Callo	and wife	60		2 cottages	
Fields	Fred	and wife	98	Carterton Road east from Church	Farmhouse	
Fields	Miss		84		3 cottages	
Forbesque		and wife	19		3 cottages	
Fowler		and wife	125		3 cottages	
Garnett		and wife	137		2 cottages - Ungermans	
Golding		and wife	146		2 cottages	
Griffon	Miss		129	The Malt House		after 1928
Hall	Mr		70	cottage		
Hardy	T	and wife	118	Masons Arms Pub		
Harris	Miss		58	Chestnutts (land shop)		
Harris	George	and wife	77		3 cottages	
Harris	Mrs		112		4 cottages	
Haydock		and wife	109	The Rockery		
Hedges		and wife	91	2 cottages		
Holton	Mr		90	2 cottages		
Hoskins	James	and wife	2	Farmer		
Hughes		and wife	46	thatched cottage		
Hunt		and wife	107	4 cottages		
Iles	Mrs and miss Iles		88	2 thatched cottages		
Ilcott	Frank		27	cottage		demolished
James	Charles		20	3 cottages		
James	and wife		138	2 cottages - Ungermans		
	James		140	Bungalow		

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Surname	Cname	Ref	Add1	Add2	Notes
Joycelyn (Josin)	and wife		145 Curbidge Road	Astrop Farm	
Jones			43	school	
K H & "C	Dick		139	Lodgehouse cottage down farm lane	headmaster
Kinchin	J		28	cottage	
Kinchin	and wife		18	3 cottages	3 brothers
Kinchin	W		14	3 cottages	
King	Misses		101 Carton Road opposite site of road Homestead Farm	Christobel - Timm's parents	
Knight	Miss		127	Acacia House	
Knight	and wife		11	Cottage - Fir Tree	
Lardner	Mrs		73	Chequer Pub	
Lioott	Mr		56	wheelwright shop	
Luckett	Mrs		7	Sundial Cottage	
Luckett	Mrs		45	rose cottage	
Maples	and wife		86	Post Office	
Maycock	Ron		113	4 cottages	
Miles	Mrs		62	5 cottages	
Miles	and wife		67	Bognor terrace	
Mills	and wife		95	6 council cottages	
Mills	J		35	5 cottages	
Mills	and wife		80	Cottage	aunt and niece
Mills	Miss		41	2 cottages	demolished
Mills	Mr			stone cottage	
Mills	and children			3 cottages	
Mills (Miles)	Mrs			Paradise Cottage	
Morley	Fred		78	cottage & barn	
Packer	John		12	5 cottages	
Parker	Mrs		31	3 cottages	
Peachey	Ernest		63	3 cottages	
Phipps	and wife		15	5 cottages	
Pratt	and wife		37	Upper Haddon Farm	
Preston	Mrs		5	2 cottages	demolished
Preston	and daughter		42	3 cottages	
Print	and wife		53	Bognor Terrace	
Prior	and wife		68	2 cottages	
			93	2 cottages	

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Surname	Crame	and wife	Ref	Add1	Add2	Notes
Robins	Mrs			121	cottage	demolished
Rouse	Mrs			66	Bognor Terrace House	
Ryrott	Mrs			116	2 cottages;	
Savary		and wife		92	thatched cottage - elderbank	
Seacole		and wife		40	demolished	
Smith		and wife		26	Yew Tree Farmhouse	Gwen Lohman grandparents
Smith		and wife		126	Kemsford House	
Sollis		and wife		94	6 council cottages	
Sollis		and wife		142	2 farm cottages	
Sturges		and wife		115	2 farm cottages	
Sullivan		and wife		99	Grange Farm, Farmhouse	
Taylor		and wife		64	5 cottages;	
Temple		and wife		32	2 cottages;	
Timms	Alfred	and wife		3	2 farm cottages	
Timms	Fred	and wife		23	Upper Haddon Cottage	
Timms	Leonard	and wife		8	Upper Haddon Farm Cottage	
Timms	Mark	and wife		5	5 cottages;	
Timms	Mr			34	5 cottages;	
Timms	Rowland	and wife		65	5 cottages;	
Timms	Tom	and wife		50	2 cottages;	
Timms	Tom	and wife		130	4 cottages;	
Timms		and wife		39	5 cottages;	
Timms		and wife		96	6 council cottages	
Timms		and wife		134	cottage	
Trison	Mr	and wife		114	4 cottages;	
Townsend				74	Squires Farm	
Unknown				108	4 cottages;	
Upstone	Mrs			69	Bognor Terrace cottage	mother of Jimmy Upstone
Upstone	Mrs			117	Cottage	
Watson		and wife		9	4 cottages;	
Wheeler	Mrs	and wife		132	3 cottages;	
Wigns		and wife		79	2 cottages;	
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Surname	Cname	Ref	Add 1	Add 2
Winfeld	T and wife	17	cottage	
Winfeld	T and wife	83	3 cottages	
Winfeld		97	6 council cottages	
Winfeld	T and wife	136	Glebe Farm	
Wood	T and wife	110	The Cottage	
Worley	Mrs and Miss Hopkins	85	House	
Worley O	Miss Rosa	57	Chestnuts (and shop)	
Yates	T and wife	141	Kilkenny House	



Chapter 4 - 1939 Register

At the outbreak of World War II, the government urgently needed to know everything it could about the civil population of England and Wales. This information would be key in the issuing of identity cards and ration books as well as organising conscription and, after the war, and for use in the National Health Service.

To gather this information, they took a National Register. On September 29th, 1939, the personal details – including names, dates of birth, occupations, marital statuses - of 41 million individuals were recorded.

The 1939 Register is one of the most important documents of modern British history. It captures a world on the eve of war, and is a great resource for anyone wanting to find out about their family at the start of World War II.

In addition, owing to the fact that the War destroyed the 1931 census and prevented the 1941 census ever being taken, the 1939 Register is the only surviving record of the population of England and Wales between 1921 and 1951. The 1921

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Census will not be available for a number of years, so the 1939 Register provides a unique opportunity to expand genealogical research and is a great resource for family, social and local historians.

65,000 enumerators issued households with registration forms to be completed on September 29th 1939.

The following week, enumerators visited each household to check and collect the forms and to issue the identity cards to anyone who had been present in that house or institution on the 29th September 1939.

The 1939 Register contains names, dates of birth, addresses and occupations of more than 40 million people in 1.2 million images.

This record set only contains records of the civilian population for England and Wales, not the whole of the United Kingdom. Neither records for the Isle of Man nor the Channel Islands are included.

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The 1939 Register was designed to capture the whereabouts of the civilian population on a specific date. Members of the armed services were not included in the register. The Register was not meant to record members of the armed forces and the records do not feature:

British Army barracks

Royal Navy stations

Royal Air Force stations

Members of the armed forces billeted in homes, including their own homes

However, the records do include members of the armed services on leave and civilians on military bases.

The records list the following information:
address, schedule number, sub number, surname,
first name(s), OVSP (for institutions only:
Officer, Visitor, Servant, Patient, Inmate), sex,
date of birth, marital status, occupation.

Records for individuals remain closed for 100 years from their date of birth (100-year rule).
Records remain closed for people born less than 100 years ago until proof of death is verified.

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It should be noted that Brize Norton was covered as part of the Witney Rural District and the village name does not occur. The roads in Brize Norton seem to have been covered by two enumerators who overlapped in their coverage. Where possible duplicated records have been eliminated. It is obvious that many children are excluded because of the 100 rule mentioned above; hence the need to look at the Schools Admission Records to find others who may have served in WW2.

One enumerator used a "house numbering" system and the so-called house number is shown sometimes in square brackets after the road name.

The tables below are an extract of the Register of male inhabitants between the ages of 18 and 40 (3 sheets) followed by the female inhabitants in the same age group. The full Register can be found in Appendix 3.

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surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	occupation	age in 1939	age in 1945
Bye	John	male	01/04/1921	baker	18	23
Giles	Lowell F	male	28/09/1920	salesman	18	23
Sollis	Arthur E	male	04/10/1920	farm labourer	18	23
Drinkwater	Edward	male	06/02/1920	general labourer	19	24
Bye	Paul	male	15/10/1917	motor mechanic	21	26
Wheeler	George	male	25/12/1917	upholsterer	21	26
Badger	Edward A	male	25/04/1917	assisting father	22	27
Miles	Ernest	male	02/11/1915	builders labourer	23	28
Pratley	Charles P	male	02/03/1916	farm carter	23	28
Wells	William	male	28/07/1916	carpenter & joiner	23	28
Ayres	Frank	male	03/09/1914	under gardner	24	29
Brittell	Charles	male	05/06/1915	under cowman - heavy work	24	29
Brittell	Charles J	male	05/06/1915	under cowman - heavy work	24	29
R	R	male	24/05/1915	aircraft fitter	24	29
Webb	Dennis G	male	11/07/1915	RAFVR	24	29
Wilkins	Lewis	male	23/09/1914	agricultural farmer	24	29
Faulkner	Eric	male	10/08/1914	carpenter	25	30
Faulkner	Eric	male	19/08/1914	carpenter	25	30
Robinson	Anthony E	male	28/07/1914	Flying Officer General duties	25	30
Archer	Albert S	male	15/07/1913	general labourer - MOD	26	31
Preston	William	male	17/01/1913	metal worker - semi skilled	26	31
Preston	William E	male	17/01/1913	metal worker - semi skilled	26	31
Timms	Joseph E	male	18/04/1913	joiner builder	26	31
Hall	Maurice	male	11/07/1912	wool spinner	27	32
				address		
				Bungalow Brize Norton (28)		
				Brize Norton (18)		
				Brize Norton (42)		
				Brize Norton		
				Bungalow Brize Norton (28)		
				Council House (49)		
				Grove Farm		
				Manor Cottages (57)		
				Kilkenny Cottages		
				Kilkenny		
				Brize Norton (35)		
				Astrop Cottages		
				Brize Norton (51)		
				The Chequers Pub.		
				Burford Road		
				Manor Farm, Brize Norton		
				Burford Road (107)		
				Marsh Haddon		
				Marsh Haddon		
				Chapel Hill (54)		
				Bampton Road (70)		
				Bampton Road		
				Brize Norton (91)		
				Manor Cottages (55)		

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surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1939	age in 1945
Lohmann	Richard	male	13/07/1912	poultry worker	Westway, Brize Norton	27	32
Wilkins	P.	male	28/02/1911	agricultural farmer	Manor Farm, Brize Norton	28	33
Ayers	George H	male	15/04/1910	general labourer (gardening)	Council House (47)	29	34
Broughton	Cecil	male	07/06/1910	aircraft riggers mate	nr Post Office, Brize Norton	29	34
Jepson	William	male	11/04/1910	aircraft fitter	The Chequers Pub., Brize Norton (45)	29	34
Bellenger	Charles E	male	09/06/1909	storeman RAF	Glebe Farm	30	35
Fitchett	George W	male	27/12/1908	farm carter	Glebe Farm	30	35
Mulborrow	Albert	male	13/08/1909	stores clerk RAF	Manor Cottages (56)	30	35
Lomas	Edwardo J P	male	23/02/1908	farm carter	Brize Norton (76)	31	36
Savory	Edward N	male	24/08/1908	grocer assistant	Field View Brize Norton	31	36
Archer	Ernest	male	31/08/1907	horseman on Farm	Brize Norton (105)	32	37
Baldock	Wilfred	male	14/07/1907	clerk air service assistant	Brize Norton (105)	32	37
Baldock	Wilfred	male	14/07/1907	clerk air service	Marsh Haddon	32	37
Tidmarsh	Arthur R	male	08/02/1907	farm carter	Grove Cottages (38)	32	37
Timms	Eric A	male	09/08/1907	farm labourer	Bampton Road	32	37
Trinder	Arthur R	male	27/07/1907	carpenter	Bampton Road (74)	32	37
Archer	Frederick J	male	15/05/1906	public works cont. labourer	Buford Road	33	38
Matthews	Harry	male	21/04/1906	farm tractor lorry driver	Manor Farm Cottages (59)	33	38
Temple	Wilfred	male	30/01/1906	lorry driver heavy work	Brize Norton (69)	33	38
Timms	Percival J	male	07/10/1905	jobbing builder - own business	Brize Norton (43)	33	38
Wiggins	Sidney H	male	14/09/1905	farm shepherd	Council House (48)	33	38
Walwin	Edwin	male	14/08/1905	agricultural commercial traveller	The Cottage, Burford Road, Brize N	34	39
Wood	Harold J	male	21/03/1905	cattle conveyor ARP Warden	Bampton Road (88)	34	39
Barnes	Gordon J	male	19/03/1904	manager general stores	The Stores, Brize Norton (59)	35	40

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	christian name	sex	date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1939	age in 1945
Faulkner	Ernest	male	24/05/1904	car chassis inspector - Morris Motor	Brize Norton (41)	35	40
Hunt	Albert W	male	21/11/1903	farm labourer	Brize Norton (46)	35	40
Kenlock	Arthur	male	24/08/1903	agricultural farmer	Astrop Farm, Brize Norton	36	41
Courtney	Frederick	male	02/04/1902	air ministry police warden	Beckley House,Brize Norton	37	42
Fowler	Frederick J	male	31/03/1902	farm carter & tractor driver	Burford Road	37	42
Garratt	Charles	male	19/03/1902	threshing machine	Lingermans, Brize Norton	37	42
James	Raymond	male	28/02/1902	chauffeur & gardener	The Laurels, Brize Norton	37	42
Preece	Charles	male	05/11/1901	farming - small holder	Brize Norton (53)	37	42
Stake	Harold J	male	14/04/1902	mill hand spinner	2 Bognor Terrace, Brize Norton	37	42
Timms	Cecil C	male	06/03/1902	builders labourer	Burford Road	37	42
Barnes	George	male	02/04/1901	master baker	Chichester House, Brize Norton	38	43
Simons	Alfred	male	13/01/1901	school teacher	The School House	38	43
Simons	Alfred	male	13/05/1901	school teacher	School House	38	43
Sweetingham	James	male	28/12/1900	unpaid domestic duties	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	38	43
Faulkner	Joseph W	male	04/05/1900	coal merchant labourer	work Chapel Hill (52)	39	44
Drinkwater	Frederick CR	male	16/5/1899	heavy work	Brize Norton (30)	40	45
Keen	Edwin	male	26/8/1898	general road foreman	Astrop Cottages	40	45
Kinchin	John	male	16/7/1899	cowman - heavy work	4 Bognor Terrace, Brize Norton	40	45
Timms	Thomas	male	1/2/1899	stoker & machinist	Brize Norton (19)	40	45
Champion de ..	Hugh	male	09/04/1897	Batman No 2 FTS	?Elmaldo Brize Norton (29)	42	47
Green	Edgar M	male	15/9/1896	Air commodore RAF	Bampton Road (99)	42	47
Teagle	William J	male	10/12/1896	clerk air service	The Cottage (67)	42	47
Teagle	William J	male	10/12/1896	farm carter	42	47	
Hunt	John G	male	8/5/1896	steam engine driver threshing mach	Manor Cottages (57)	43	48

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surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	occupation	age in 1939	age in 1945
					address	
Preston	Nellie Th	female	18/12/1920	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road	18 23
Britton	Mabel W	female	06/09/1919	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (51)	19 24
Britnell	Mabel W	female	06/09/1919	unpaid domestic duties	Astrop Cottages	19 24
Catchpole	Violet E	female	21/04/1920	laundry worker	Brize Norton (19)	19 24
Gould	Phyllis	female	11/01/1920	paid domestic	The Stores, Brize Norton (39)	19 24
O'Hara	Ada	female	10/04/1920	unpaid domestic duties	4 Bognor Terrace, Brize Norton	19 24
Bowles	Alice Doreen	female	01/06/1919	paid domestic	The Chequers Pub., Kempford House, Brize Norton	20 25
Fry	Doris	female	01/10/1918	housemaid	Kempford House, Brize Norton	20 25
Preston	Iris	female	19/04/1917	laundry hand	Brize Norton (34)	22 27
Timms	Kathleen E	female	07/10/1916	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (91)	22 27
Oakey	Edith R	female	01/11/1915	laundry clerk	Chapel Hill (54)	23 28
Pratley	Kathleen M	female	08/02/1916	unpaid domestic duties	Kilkenny Cottages	23 28
Archer	Kathleen	female	27/12/1914	unpaid domestic duties	Burford Road	24 29
Badger (Price) Phyllis H		female	05/07/1914	incapacitated	Grove Farm	25 30
Brookes	Elsie	female	12/02/1914	domestic worker	Bungalow Brize Norton (28)	25 30
Hall	Elizabeth A	female	24/09/1913	unpaid domestic duties	Manor Cottages (55)	25 30
Spicer	Leah R M	female	24/03/1914	domestic servant	Marsh Haddon	25 30
Baldock	Annie	female	25/04/1913	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (105)	26 31
Baldock	Annie	female	25/04/1913	unpaid domestic duties	Marsh Haddon	26 31
Dunthorne	Ruth	female	13/06/1913	teacher in secondary school	Grange Farm, Brize Norton	26 31
Gilles	Betty E	female	19/12/1912	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (18)	26 31
Hogarth	Muriel L M	female	09/03/1913	domestic servant	Yew Tree House	26 31
Robinson	Mabel E	female	01/04/1913	domestic servant	Manor Farm Cottages (58)	26 31
Walwin	Isa G	female	24/10/1912	unpaid domestic duties	The Cottage, Burford Road, Brize N	26 31

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surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1939	age in 1945
Broughton	T	female	21/09/1911	unpaid domestic duties	nr Post Office, Brize Norton	27	32
Lomas	Olive G	female	08/08/1912	unpaid domestic duties	Manor Cottages (56)	27	32
Savory	Margaret F	female	27/10/1910	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (76)	28	33
Timms	Christabel E	female	20/01/1911	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (43)	28	33
Mac-innes	Eunice M	female	22/04/1910	shop assistant	Manor Farm Cottages (58)	29	34
Timms	Olive G	female	08/02/1910	unpaid domestic duties	Burford Road	29	34
Ayers	Doris Evelyn	female	16/04/1909	unpaid domestic duties	Council House (47)	30	35
Matthews (T Olive Eliza	Miles	female	12/05/1909	unpaid domestic duties	Manor Farm Cottages (59)	30	35
Elizabeth M	Ada S	female	13/12/1908	unpaid domestic duties	Manor Farm Cottages (57)	30	35
Millis	Ella	female	9/3/1879	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road (73)	30	35
Garratt	Elsie	female	28/02/1908	unpaid domestic duties	Lingermans, Brize Norton	31	36
Trinder	Millie	female	05/06/1908	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road (74)	31	36
Wood	Linda	female	17/11/1907	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road (88)	31	36
Bellenger	Gwendeth	female	18/07/1907	unpaid domestic duties	Elderbank, Bampton Road	32	37
Lohmann	Clara	female	10/06/1907	unpaid domestic duties	Westway, Brize Norton	32	37
Stake	June	female	30/10/1906	unpaid domestic duties	2 Bognor Terrace, Brize Norton	32	37
James	Dulcie	female	13/04/1906	unpaid domestic duties	The Laurels, Brize Norton	33	38
Jones	Rose	female	16/06/1906	laundry hand	The Lodge, Kilkenny, Brize Norton	33	38
Matthews	Dorothy	female	18/11/1905	cook	Kempford House, Brize Norton	33	38
Smith	Margaret	female	05/02/1906	unpaid domestic duties	Kempford House, Brize Norton	33	38
Temple	Edith	female	24/02/1906	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (69)	33	38
Barnes	Elizabeth A	female	20/11/1904	manager sales - Womens ...	The Stores, Brize Norton (59)	34	39
Barnes	Winifred	female	04/01/1905	unpaid domestic duties	Chichester House, Brize Norton	34	39
Faulkner			25/08/1905	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (41)	34	39
						39	39

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	surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	occupation	address	age in 1939	age in 1945
Hunt	Norah E	female		02/11/1904	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (46)	34	39
Stevenson	Elsie	female		01/11/1903	unpaid domestic duties	The Cottage (66)	35	40
Stevenson	Elsie	female		01/11/1903	unpaid domestic duties	Burford Road	35	40
Russell	Lizzie S	female		19/04/1903	shop assistant	Chapel Hill (52)	36	41
Faulkner	Anne	female		13/10/1900	unpaid domestic duties	The Cottage (65)	38	43
Prior	George Claire	female		16/10/1900	unpaid domestic duties	The Cottage	38	43
Prior	George Claire	female		16/10/1900	unpaid domestic duties	The Cottage	38	43
Tidmarsh	Freida M	female		05/04/1901	unpaid domestic duties	Grove Cottages (38)	38	43
Upstone	Violet E	female		21/10/1900	incapacitated	Brize Norton (32)	38	43
Champion de ?		female			unpaid domestic duties	?Elmwood Brize Norton (29)	39	44
Fitchett	Ada E	female		26/08/1900	domestic servant	Burford Road (5)	39	44
Kenlock	Winifred	female		10/06/1900	unpaid domestic duties	Astrop Farm, Brize Norton	39	44
Preese	H	female			unpaid domestic	Brize Norton (53)	39	44
Courtney	Elizabeth	female		26/7/1899	unpaid domestic duties	Buckley House, Brize Norton	40	45
Drinkwater	Eva M	female		22/12/1898	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (30)	40	45
Kinchen	Lilian	female		20/9/1898	unpaid domestic duties	4 Bognor Terrace, Brize Norton	40	45
Timms	Hilda	female		7/9/1899	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (19)	40	45
Millis	Lillian	female		27/6/1898	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (40)	41	46
Wiggins	Elsie	female		16/2/1898	unpaid domestic duties	Council House (48)	41	46
Pugh	Alice M	female		12/6/1897	unpaid domestic duties	Lingermans, Brize Norton	42	47
Pugh	Alice M	female		12/7/1897	unpaid domestic duties	Lingermans, Brize Norton	42	47
Timms	Mabel E	female		11/8/1897	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (44)	42	47
Smith	Lillian	female		20/2/1896	unpaid domestic duties	Field View, Brize Norton	43	48
Winfeld	Daisy	female		5/11/1895	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (92)	43	48

Chapter 5 - Who needed to serve

Congscription: the Second World War

Limited conscription of men

During the spring of 1939 the deteriorating international situation forced the British government under Neville Chamberlain to consider preparations for a possible war against Nazi Germany.

Plans for limited conscription applying to single men aged between 20 and 22 were given parliamentary approval in the Military Training Act in May 1939. This required men to undertake six months' military training, and some 240,000 registered for service.

Full conscription of men

On the day Britain declared war on Germany, 3 September 1939, Parliament immediately passed a more wide-reaching measure.

The National Service (Armed Forces) Act imposed conscription on all males aged between 18 and 41 who had to register for service. Those medically

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unfit were exempted, as were others in key industries and jobs such as baking, farming, medicine, and engineering.

Conscientious objectors had to appear before a tribunal to argue their reasons for refusing to join-up. If their cases were not dismissed, they were granted one of several categories of exemption, and were given non-combatant jobs.

Conscription helped greatly to increase the number of men in active service during the first year of the war.

Conscription of women

In December 1941 Parliament passed a second National Service Act. It widened the scope of conscription still further by making all unmarried women and all childless widows between the ages of 20 and 30 liable to call-up.

Men were now required to do some form of National Service up to the age of 60, which included military service for those under 51. The main reason was that there were not enough men volunteering for police and civilian defence work,

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or women for the auxiliary units of the armed forces.

Britain did not completely demobilise in 1945, as conscription continued after the war. Those already in the armed forces were given a release class determined by length of service and age. In practice, releases began in June 1945, and the last of the wartime conscripts had been released by 1949. However, urgently needed men, particularly those in the building trades, were released in 1945, although some restrictions on their immediate employment were supposed to be enforced. All women were released at the end of the war.

It follows that many residents of Brize Norton, as can be seen from the 1939 Register (see Chapter 4) and the analysts in Chapter 1, were given "reserved" status and therefore did not have to serve. This is further discussed in Chapter 7.

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Chapter 6 - Villagers that died

The Brize Norton village war memorial and the "plaque" in the porch of St Britius church shows that two people died in WW2. Military records including those of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) show their details and the location of their graves or memorial which are maintained by a grant from the Commission.

Corporal DAVID EDMUND PRICE

**T/4191921, 3 Amb. Car Coy., Royal Army Service Corps
who died age 23
on 23 April 1941**

**Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Price;
husband of Nancy Blanche Price
of Brize Norton. His daughter,
Barbara, was born after he died.**

**Remembered with honour
BRIZE NORTON (ST. BRITIUS)
CHURCHYARD EXTENSION**



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David Edmund Price was born in 1928 and his parents, Mr & Mrs David Price are from Brize Norton, he and his wife Nancy Blanche also lived in Brize Norton. Sadly his daughter Barbara was born after his death.

David is buried in St Britius Churchyard extension and the panel above shows a picture of the grave stone. We presume that he died at home following his injuries.

We have found no record of anyone with that surname in the schools admissions register, nor in the 1928 list of residents nor in the 1939 Register.

Interestingly research on the Find a Grave website shows a record for David Edmund Price and also a photograph of a memorial plaque from Denbigh (see below).

Price (T/4191921) served in the 3rd Amb. Car. Coy., Royal Army Service Corps. Apparently there are 431 items tagged 3rd Amb. Car. Coy. In the library being constructed by The Wartime Memories Project (see poster below). I have not had an opportunity to review these items nor to

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research this company's operations before April 1941.



The Royal Army Service Corps (RASC) was the unit responsible for keeping the British Army supplied with all its provisions barring weaponry, military equipment and ammunition, which were under the remit of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

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Army transport in the British Army's first century was provided by civil contractors and the first uniformed unit to attempt these duties was the Royal Waggoners. The attempt proved unsuccessful and the Waggoners was disbanded in 1795, less than a year after its formation.

With the French Revolutionary Wars continuing, a second attempt was not long in coming, arriving in 1799 with the Royal Waggon Corps, later renamed the Royal Waggon Train. This proved longer lived, being downsized after the end of the Napoleonic Wars but only fully disbanded in 1833.

It took the poor supply chains of the early stages of the Crimean War (1854-56), and the ensuing public outrage, for another army supply unit to be set up in 1855, this time known as the Land Transport Corps then the Military Train.

Army supply overall, however, was still in the hands of a unit of uniformed civilians known as the Commissariat, which was in 1869 merged with the Military Train's officers to form the Control Department. This made the Military Train a unit solely made up of other ranks commanded by

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officers from the Control Department and in 1870 the Military Train was renamed the Army Service Corps.

In 1875 the Control Department split into the Commissariat and Transport Department (CTD) and the Ordnance Store Department (OSD), with the latter forming the predecessor to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. In 1880 the CTD was renamed the Commissariat and Transport Staff (CTS) and the other ranks' Army Service Corps renamed the Commissariat and Transport Corps (CTC).

In 1888, the CTS, the CTC and the War Department Fleet merged to form a second Army Service Corps, bringing officers and other ranks back together into one unit. That unit went on to absorb some of the Royal Engineers' transport duties and to be given the honour of the 'Royal' prefix in recognition of its major work in supplying troops during the First World War.

In 1965, the RASC was merged with the Transportation and Movement Control Service of the Royal Engineers to form the Royal Corps of

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Transport. In 1993 it became part of the Royal Logistic Corps.



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Flying Officer JOHN EDWARD MILLIS

A Witney old Grammarian. He disappeared on an flight in Malaya.

53252, 177 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

↳ who died age 24
on 12 March 1945.

Son of Walter John and Lilian Violet Millis of Brize Norton.

Remembered with honour
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL



John Edward Millis was born on 26th May 1920. He attended Brize Norton Primary School from the age of 7 (24 October 1927) until he was 11 (31 July 1931) when he left for Witney Grammar School. Mr & Mrs Millis are listed as resident in 1928 in one of the council houses, and they are also listed in the 1939 Register (see Appendix 3).

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John was aged 24 when he died on 12 March 1945, he disappeared on a flight in Malaysia. He was a member of 177 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and served as a flying officer.

Singapore Memorial stands in Kranji War Cemetery. It bears the names of more than 24,000 casualties of the land and air forces of the Commonwealth who died during the campaigns in Malaya and Indonesia or in subsequent captivity and have no known grave. The memorial also commemorates airmen who died during operations over the whole of southern and eastern Asia and the surrounding seas and oceans. John's name is in column 448.

After the surrender of Singapore, the Kranji area was used as a prisoner of war camp by the Japanese and this cemetery was begun by the Commonwealth prisoners at the camp. In 1946, it was decided that Kranji would be designated as Singapore's main war cemetery

More information can be found on the Commonwealth War Graves site at www.cwgc.org.

Squadron 177 RAFVR

No.177 Squadron was a Beaufighter-equipped ground attack squadron that operated over Burma from early in 1943 until the end of the Second World War. The squadron was formed on 28 November 1942 while its personnel were still at sea coming to India from the UK. The squadron began to assemble at Amarda Road on 11 January 1943, and moved to Allahabad in mid-March. The aircrew were detached to No.27 Squadron while they waited for their aircraft, while the ground crew served with No.308 MU.

The first Beaufighters arrived in May 1943, but it took several months for the squadron to become operational, and its first ground attack mission didn't come until 10 September 1943. Attacks on enemy shipping, railways and ports were carried out until May 1944, when the squadron withdrew to India to prepare for the introduction of rockets. The squadron returned to the Burma front in August 1944, and resumed its ground attack duties. Actions included a large scale attack on a Japanese coastal convoy heading for Rangoon in September 1944.

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In May 1945 the squadron was used to support the amphibious landings at Rangoon, before being withdrawn from operations and disbanded on 5 July 1945.

Aircraft

May 1943-August 1944: Bristol Beaufighter VI
November 1943-July 1945: Bristol Beaufighter X and XI

Location

January-March 1943: Amarda Road
Marcy-May 1943: Allahabad
May-August 1943: Phaphamau
August 1943: Chittagong
August 1943-May 1944: Feni
May-August 1944: Ranchi
August 1944-June 1945: Chiringa (Chakeri, SE Bangladesh)
June-July 1945: Hathazari

Squadron Codes: H

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Duty

1943-1945: Ground Attack, Burma Front

The RAFVR was formed in July 1936 to provide individuals to supplement the Auxiliary Air Force (AAF) which had been formed in 1925 by the local Territorial Associations. The AAF was organised on a Squadron basis, with local recruitment similar to the Territorial Army Regiments.

Initially the RAFVR was composed of civilians recruited from the neighbourhoods of Reserve Flying Schools, which were run by civilian contractors who largely employed as instructors members of the Reserve of Air Force Officers (RAFO), who had previously completed a four year short service commission as pilots in the RAF. Navigation instructors were mainly former master mariners without any air experience.

Recruits were confined to men of between 18 and 25 years of age who had been accepted for part time training as Pilots, Observers and Wireless Operators. The object was to provide a reserve of aircrew for use in the event of war. By September 1939, the RAFVR comprised 6,646 Pilots, 1,625 Observers and 1,946 Wireless Operators

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When war broke out in 1939 the Air Ministry employed the RAFVR as the principal means for aircrew entry to serve with the RAF. A civilian volunteer on being accepted for aircrew training took an oath of allegiance ('attestation') and was then inducted in to the RAFVR. Normally he returned to his civilian job for several months until he was called up for aircrew training. During this waiting period he could wear a silver RAFVR lapel badge to indicate his status.

By the end of 1941 more than half of Bomber Command aircrew were members of the RAFVR. Most of the pre-war pilot and observer NCO aircrew had been commissioned and the surviving regular officers and members of the RAFO filled the posts of flight and squadron commanders. Eventually of the "RAF" aircrew in the Command probably more than 95% were serving members of the RAFVR.

During 1943, the decision was taken by the Air Ministry to raise an order for members of the RAFVR to remove the brass and cloth 'VR's worn on the collars and shoulders of officers and other ranks (respectively), as these were viewed as being divisive. No similar order was raised for members

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of the Auxiliary Air Force, who retained their 'A's on uniforms at that time.

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Chapter 7 - Others that served

Our analysis in previous chapters have found those who matched the age criteria for conscription (see Chapter 5) and whom lived in Brize Norton. Furthermore there were two groups, namely those working on the land and those working for the RAF who probably cannot be counted. There were obviously a few others who were in reserved occupations. On the other hand some people may have volunteered there services.

All this is in marked contrast to the situation in Word War One discussed in my earlier book. In WW1 many willingly volunteered to serve, probably caught by the mood in the country.

It is worth reviewing the list of males between the ages of 18 and 40 recorded in the 1938 Register. There was a total of 60 men and 48 women in that age group.

21 men in the 18 - 40 age group are involve in the agricultural sector. 8 names match with possible records in FindmyPast (Archer, Badger, Britnell, Fowler, Hunt, Lomas, Tidmarsh and Wilkins P)

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Sollis	Arthur E	04/10/1920	single	farm labourer	Brize Norton (42)		18	23
Badger	Edward A	25/04/1917	single	assisting father	Grove Farm		22	27
Pratley	Charles P	02/03/1916	married	farm carter	Kilkenny Cottages		23	28
Britnell	Charles	05/06/1915	married	under cowman - heavy work	Astrop Cottages		24	29
Wilkins	Lewis	23/09/1914	single	agricultural farmer	Manor Farm, Brize Norton		24	29
Lohmann	Richard	13/07/1912	single	poultry worker	Westway, Brize Norton		27	32
Wilkins	P	28/02/1911	single	agricultural farmer	Manor Farm, Brize Norton		28	33
Fitchett	George W	27/12/1908	single	farm carter	Glebe Farm		30	35
Lomas	Edwarde J	23/02/1908	married	farm carter	Manor Cottages (56)		31	36
Archer	Ernest	31/08/1907	single	horseman on farm	Field View Brize Norton		32	37
Tidmarsh	Arthur R	08/02/1907	married	farm carter	Grove Cottages (38)		32	37
Timms	Eric A	09/08/1907	single	farm labourer	Bampton Road		32	37
Matthews	Harry	21/04/1906	married	farm tractor lorry driver	Manor Farm Cottages (59)		33	38
Wiggins	Sidney H	14/09/1905	married	farm shepherd	Council House (48)		33	38
Walwin	Edwin	14/08/1905	married	agricultural commercial trav	The Cottage, Burford Road, Brize Norton		34	39
Wood	Harold J	21/03/1905	married	cattle conveyor ARP Warden	Bampton Road (88)		34	39
Hunt	Albert W	21/11/1903	married	farm labourer	Brize Norton (46)		35	40
Kenlock	Arthur	24/08/1903	married	agricultural farmer	Astrop Farm, Brize Norton		36	41
Fowler	Frederick	31/03/1902	single	farm carter & tractor driver	Burford Road		37	42
Garratt	Charles	19/03/1902	married	threshing machinist	Lingermans, Brize Norton		37	42
Preece	Charles	05/11/1901	married	farming - small holder	Brize Norton (53)		37	42

9 men in the 18 to 40 age group are employed with the RAF Brize Norton Base. 2 names match records in FindmyPast (Archer and Robinson)

Mott	R	24/05/1915	single	aircraft fitter	The Chequers Pub.		24	29
Webb	Dennis G	11/07/1915	married	RAFVR	Burford Road		24	29
Robinson	Anthony E	28/07/1914	married	flying officer General duties	Marsh Haddon		25	30
Archer	Albert S	15/07/1913	single	general labourer - MOD	Chapel Hill (54)		26	31
Broughton	Cecil	07/06/1910	married	aircraft riggers mate	nr Post Office, Brize Norton		29	34
Jepson	William	11/04/1910	married	aircraft fitter	The Chequers Pub.		29	34
Bellenger	Charles E	09/06/1909	single	storeman RAF	Brize Norton (45)		30	35
Mullborro	Albert	13/08/1909	married	stores clerk RAF			30	35
Courtney	Frederick	02/04/1902	married	air ministry police warden	Beckley House,Brize Norton		37	42

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28 men in the 18 - 40 age group are in other employment, some who may also be in a "reserved" occupation. 14 names have a match in FindmyPast (Archer, Ayers, Bye P, Faulkner E (2), Hall, Miles, Preston, Savory, Timms (2), Trinder, Wells, Wheeler)

Bye	John	01/04/1921	single	baker	Bungalow Brize Norton (28)	18	23
Giles	Lovell F	28/09/1920	single	salesman	Brize Norton (18)	18	23
Drinkwater	Edward	06/02/1920	single	general labourer	Brize Norton	19	24
Bye	Paul	15/10/1917	single	motor mechanic	Bungalow Brize Norton (28)	21	26
Wheeler	George	25/12/1917	single	unholsterer	Council House (49)	21	26
Miles	Ernest	02/11/1915	married	builders labourer	Manor Cottages (57)	23	28
Wells	William	28/07/1916	single	carpenter & joiner	Kilkenny	23	28
Ayres	Frank	03/09/1914	single	under gardner	Brize norton (35)	24	29
Faulkner	Eric	10/08/1914	single	carpenter	Burford Road (107)	25	30
Preston	William	17/01/1913	single	metal worker - semi skilled	Bampton Road (70)	26	31
Timms	Joseph E	18/04/1913	married	jobing builder	Brize Norton (91)	26	31
Hall	Maurice	11/07/1912	married	wool spinner	Manor Cottages (55)	27	32
Ayers	George H	15/04/1910	married	general labourer (gardening)	Council House (47)	29	34
Savory	Edward N	24/08/1908	married	grocer assistant	Brize Norton (76)	31	36
Trinder	Arthur R	27/07/1907	married	carpenter	Bampton Road (74)	32	37
Archer	Frederick	15/05/1906	married	public works cont. labourer	Buford Road	33	38
Temple	Wifred	30/01/1906	married	lorry driver heavy work	Brize Norton (69)	33	38
Timms	Percival J	07/10/1905	married	jobbing builder - own busine	Brize Norton (43)	33	38
Walwin	Edwin	14/08/1905	married	agricultural commercial trav	The Cottage, Burford Road, Brize Norton	34	39
Barnes	Gordon J	19/03/1904	married	manager general stores	The Stores, Brize Norton (59)	35	40
Faulkner	Ernest	24/05/1904	married	car chassis inspector - Morris	Brize Norton (41)	35	40
Garratt	Charles	19/03/1902	married	threshing machinist	Lingermans, Brize Norton	37	42
Stake	Harold J	14/04/1902	married	mill hand spinner	2 Bognor Terrace, Brize Norton	37	42
Timms	Cecil C	06/03/1902	married	builders labourer	Burford Road	37	42
Barnes	George	02/04/1901	married	master baker	Chichester House, Brize Norton	38	43
Simons	Alfred	13/01/1901	married	school teacher	The School House	38	43
Sweeting	James	28/12/1900	single	unpaid domestic duties	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	38	43
Faulkner	Joseph W	04/05/1900	married	coal merchant labourer heav	Chapel Hill (52)	39	44

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It in this last category that we might find people who were called up to serve during the war.

Before looking for these people using online sources (find my past, forces war records and ancestry), we can certainly identify a few who served. Following requests in the Parish Newsletter (articles in the December 2019 and March 2020 issues) and on social media, several people have come forward to cite their ancestors.

Overleaf are listed the people who definitely served (the names provided by relatives still living) followed by a list of people with the surname and christian name or initials matching records from the school admission register, the 1928 list and the 1939 register

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Here are the names of those who definitely served.

Eric Faulkner

Eric appears in the Schools Admission Register. Born on 10th August 1914 he attended from the age of 4 (16.6.19) leaving for work at the age of 13. His father was William Faulkner. He is listed in the 1939 Register as a carpenter living in Burford Road.

Eric served in the Oxfordshire and Bucks Light Infantry (service number 5385758) as a private. He served in Northern Ireland helping to secure the border with Southern Ireland where there were known to be Nazi sympathisers.

[Name submitted by Pete Faulkner]

Frederick William Edgar Giles (1920 - 1980)

Frederick appears in the school admissions register as Fred. He was born on 28th April 1915 admitted to the school at the age of 4 and left for

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work at the age of 14. He does figure in the 1939 Register.

There are four records in FindmyPast

1456068 Frederick William Giles
Attestation Year 1938

1594341 Frederick William Giles Attestation
Year 1940

1639065 Frederick William Giles Attestation
Year 1940

1643950 Giles Frederick Z/5 Res 19.6.46
DIS PARA 204/11 22.9.51

Forces War Records has possible matches:

Frederick William Giles Private 5127337 in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment however his parent is listed as Mary Parker of Warwick. So an unlikely candidate.

The is an F W Giles WO Class 2 83276 who served in REME who earned The efficiency medal (Territorial) in 1948

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Finally there is a Frederick Giles who was a driver T/168372 who was captured by the Japanese in February 1942 held in Malay POW camp and finally released in September 1945

Whether one of these records relates to "our" Frederick William remains to be shown!

However we do have a photograph of Fred taken in Okayama, Japan on 23rd February 1947 which might be a clue.



[Name of relative reported by Karen Gillett]

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Lovell Frank Giles (known as Micky) (1921 - 1983)

Micky served in the RAF

Micky was known in Brize Norton for his mobile shop in the 70's and early 80's

Micky appears in the Brize Norton Schools Admission register. He was born on 18th September 1920 and joined the school at the age of 4 on 4th May 1925. His father was Fred Giles. He appears in the 1939 Register and is listed as a salesman living in Burford Road with five other members of the Giles family (Annie K, Anthony K, Betty E, Frederick C R, and Gordon A). Frederick C R was listed as a fish and fruit dealer.

The pictures overleaf show Micky in his RAF uniform.

I have found one record that might well fit:

First Name: L F Surname: Giles
Rank: Leading Aircraftsman Rank (2): Gunner
Service No. 1306930
Date of Action: 04/11/1945

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Incident Details:

H Movements (I & ii). The undermentioned airmen were posted to No. 1 R.E.C., C.M.F. from units shewn with effect from 04/11/1945 for preparation for departure to U.K. for Class 'A' Release. Entrained Italy for U.K. on 07/11/1945 and posted to Home Es

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Incident Date: 08/11/1945

Auth:- H.Q. Med/ME signal P.1099 dated
20/09/1945

More Information: Trade Group 5. Age and Service Group 23.

Duty Location: No. 1 Release Embarkation Centre, Central Mediterranean Force

Service: Royal Air Force

Primary Unit: Headquarters (Unit)
Mediterranean/Middle East

Archive Reference: Air 29/1112

Collection: RAF discharge registers WWII

He would have been awarded with the War Medal 1939-45 and the 1939-45 Star

[Name of relative reported by Karen Gillett]

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Gordon Aubrey Giles (1923 - 2010)

He served in the RAF as an LAC (1873077) RAFVR from 28 December 1942 to 28 January 1947. He was a wireless operator (morse code expert). He did his training in Blackpool, served in Madlem (Herefordshire) and was involved in the Normandy landings at Asnelles Beach. He then served in Lasham (Kent) (146 Wing 84 Group) after which he had at least one more posting abroad (France, Germany and Holland)

Gordon worked in the fruits, veg and newsagents and later in the sports and toy shops in Carterton.

Gordon born 29 November 1923 attended Brize Norton Primary School from the age of 4 (11.9.28) leaving at the age of 11 to go to Burford Grammar School. His father was Fred Giles. He appears in the 1939 Register and is listed as a salesman living in Burford Road with five other members of the Giles family (Annie K, Anthony M, Betty E, Frederick C R, and Lovell F). Frederick C R was listed as a fish and fruit dealer.

[Name of relative reported by Karen Gillett]

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Three photos of Gordon include one of him at work deciphering morse code.

I have some notes prepared for his eulogy talking about Gordon's later career and life.

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They also took in American lodgers with who they kept in touch.

ALVESCOT ROAD

In 1961 they bought an orchard on the site of the Giles shop now, against everyones advice, huge risk at the time. They built a shop which sold everything from fresh fish to firewood, green beans to gas and haberdashery, if there was a shilling to be made they sold it. “When the yanks were at Brize I once sold an American officer ham at midnight, if there is someone out there with money there should be someone to take it from them”

But was always dedicated to his customers and made friends with so many. Even stopping his Christmas dinner to deliver some gas when someone ran out cooking their Christmas dinner.

A real Ronny Barker open all hours sort of shop, open 7 days a week 6am to late. Still a life of very hard work. Semi retired in 1968 selling the shop to Mr Hussey.

SEMI RETIRED

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Semi retired and did a lot of voluntary work such as helping at the youth club, hospital driving. Also traveled.

In 1970 it was time for a new venture and came out of retirement together with Lester and Linda bought a small newsagents in Burford Road carterton. Over 6 years they built this up to be the biggest news account in West Oxfordshire with 28 papergirls and boys. They sold to Martins in 1977 and bought back the original shop in Alvescot Road in 1976. They extended it and diversified into Toys Sports & cycles building it up over the years.

Gordon worked until unable to when he first had problems with his legs. But still called in to keep an eye on Lester, Linda & Kevin.

So many in the area remember popping in for sweets or buying their first bike from Giles.

Not a good advert for the bike department using an old shopper bike for years until it was stolen and then he bought an old one from the retiring vicar for 5 pounds.

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GENERAL

- Founder member of Carterton Chamber of trade On Brize Norton parish council, Carterton & Black Bourton parish councils.
- Airplanes, found list of 28 he had been in including concord & acrobatics in a tiger moth
- Gardening
- Birds
- Crossword addict
- Fishing though little time
- Weather diaries going back decades until the last week. Until his health stopped you could hear him as “Gordon from Carterton” on radio Oxford with official weather reports.
- Jokes, until nearly the last day cracking jokes. A joke for every occasion must have known thousands.
- Languages, always tried to learn other languages, even learning some words in Polish the last few weeks he was in Tall Trees.

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Gordon W Timms

Born September 1925 son of Alfred and Alice Timms and called up on his 18th birthday. He served in the Royal Engineers.

Gordon was born on 21st September 1925 and attended Brize Norton Primary School from the age of 3 (27.5.29) leaving at the age of 10. The admissions register says that he transferred to Bampton. His father Alfred W Timms is recorded in the 1939 Register as a bricklayer living in Forge Cottage with his wife Alice M and Gordon W plus two other school aged children.

There are 2 records in Forces War Records with that name:

G W Timms Seaman 19470A Royal Naval Reserve

G W Timms Private 5630561 Queens Royal Regiment

Neither seem a likely candidate

[Name of relative reported by Peta Donaghy who has some pictures]

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There is a distinct paucity of records relating to military service in WW2 especially as compared with those for WW1. This is in part through the destruction of records through bombing and in part through a less rigorous approach to record keeping, of course, the numbers of those serving is huge. There are good records for those who served and died and also records of those injured.

I have ploughed through the names of those from Brize who might have served bearing in mind their age. The two sources for names are principally the 1939 Register and also names from the Schools Admissions Register (see previous chapters).

One record set is the Royal Artillery Attestations 1883 - 1942. The abbreviation "Attn Yr" stands for the Attestation Year. A second set is British Army Casualty Lists 1939 - 1945. For more information about these sets and others is given in Appendix 4

I have matched surnames, Christian names or initials and dates of birth where available to create a large number of possible matches. But how many of the following came from Brize Norton?

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In the table below the following key applies. Blue = 1939 residents associated with the RAF, orange = 1939 residents associated with the land, green = other 1939 residents in the same age group and black = names from the schools admissions register.

Albert Archer	1435371	Attn Yr 1938
Albert Archer	1586781	Attn Yr 1940
Albert Archer	1711919	Attn Yr 1940
Archer A S A	200389	Clty Lst 1942
		Sapper Royal Engineers Western Desert, Middle East WO 417/45
Archer Ernest	872663	Attn Yr 1937
Archer Ernest	1817982	Attn Yr 1941
Archer Reginald	1117093	Attn Yr 1940
Ayres A J	1506603	Attn Yr 1938
Ayres A J	5384709	Clty Lst 1940
		Private Worcestershire Regiment France WO 417/18
Ayres F	4617842	Clty Lst 1940
		Private Green Hoards France WO 417/13
Ayres F	5054173	Clty Lst 1944
		Trooper Royal Armoured Corps N W Europe WO 417/78
Ayres Frank Graham	1621302	Attn Yr 1940
Ayres Frank Kenneth	1827714	Attn Yr 1941

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Ayres Frank Warren	Pilot Officer	
	RAFVR	17 May 1941
Ayres George	983309	Attn Yr 1939
Ayres George	1682416	Attn Yr 1940
Ayres George	1562606	Attn Yr 1938
Ayres George	1802914	Attn Yr 1941
Ayres G H	308316	Clty Lst 1945
	Acting Lieutenant Royal Artillery CM Italy	
	WO 41/9	
Badger Edward Atchison	898919	Attn Yr 1939
Badger Edward Atkinson	898919	RA Hons 1942
	Bombardier (A/Sgt) L Detachment SAS	
	Brigade RA Military Medal North Africa	
	Gazette Date 26.11.1942	
Badger E A	898919	Clty Lst 1942
	WS/Sgt Royal Artillery Middle East Libya	
WO 417/57		
Badger R	5385034	Clty Lst 1940
	Private Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry	
	France WO 417/13	
Baker R	5385034	Clty Lst 1940
	Private Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry	
	France WO 417/14	
Baker R	59771	Clty Lst 1940
	Trooper Royal Armoured Corps France	
	WO 417/15	
Bellenger F	T3777260	Clty Lst 1943

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Driver RAMC India WO 417/63
Bellenger R D 148869 Clty Lst 1940
Private RASC France WO 417/16
Bellenger George Henry 1731271 Attn Record
5AApri.Z.TR 12.12.40 27.1.46 ZT question
DISCH AGE LIMIT 1954
Bourne Stanley Douglas 910878 Attn Yr 1939
Bourne Stanley Emund 1603620 Attn Yr 1940
Bourne Stanley Mackenzie Brit Army Ser Rcds
more details below
Britnell Charles Henry 1739437 Attn Yr 1940
Broughton William John 1833655 RA Clty Cd
1944
Bye P 7627489 Clty Lst 1944
Sergeant REME NW Europe WO 417/81
Cole Terence 1466575 Attn Yr 1938
Connolly F 1709741 Clty Lst 1942
Gunner Royal Artillery Malaya WO 417/40
Connolly F 2619290 Clty Lst 1944
Lance Corporal Grenadier Guards Italy,
North Africa WO 417/80
Dicks J 538279 Clty Lst 1940
Lance Corporal Oxford & Bucks Light
Infantry France WO 417/13
Dicks J 1893767 Clty Lst 1941
Driver Royal Artillery Greece, Middle East
WO 417/26

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Dicks J 1708947 Clty Lst 1944
Gunner Royal Artillery Western Europe
WO 417/84

Drinkwater R 554326 Clty Lst 1944
Sergeant Royal Armoured Corps War.Yeo
19.6.44

Drinkwater R 1080851 Pnr War 1942
Ac1 RAF Singapore Changi PoW camp
WO 361/2212

Faulkner E 1569069 Clty Lst 1941
Gunner Royal Artillery Crete, Middle East
WO417/27

Faulkner E 6919251 Clty Lst 1943
Trooper Reconnaissance Corps Sicily, Middle
East WO 417/65

Faulkner Frederick 561104 Attns Record
S/L 28/4/42 to A.C.C

Faulkner Frederick 1457995 Attns Record
Trans RE 24.5.40

Faulkner Fred 162010 Attns Record
C.D. To P.C.

Fowler F 1898536 Clty Lst 1942
Sapper Royal Engineers Cyrenaica, Middle
East WO 417/54

Fowler F 5343355 Clty Lst 1944
Lance Corporal Royal Warwickshire
Regiment NW Europe WO 417/80

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Gale A	2069836	Clty Lst 1940
	Sapper Royal Engineers	France WO 417/19
Gale A	889886	Clty Lst 1942
	Gunner Royal Artillery	Western Desert, Middle East WO 417/37
Gale A	5117884	Clty Lst 1942
	Private Worcester Regiment	Cyrenaica, Middle East WO 417/46
Gale A	4623437	Clty Lst 1944
	Trooper Royal Armoured Corps	NW Europe WO 417/82
Gale A	NX41630	Prn War 1945
	Corporal GOD	Singapore Changi PoW camp WO 361/2229
Gardiner E	14299704	Clty Lst 1944
	Gunner/Driver Royal Artillery	NW Europe WO 417/79
Gardiner E	6911232	Clty Lst 1940
	Rifleman Rifle Brigade	France WO 417/13
Gardner E	818157	Clty Lst 1940
	W/BSM Royal Artillery	France WO 417/16
Godwin C	5384423	Clty Lst 1940
	Private Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry	
	France WO 417/18	
Godwin C	T91547	Clty Lst 1942
	Private RASC	WO 417/53
Hall Maurice	796471	Attn Yr 1929

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Hall Maurice 4200087 BA RWF 1940
 Royal Welsh Fusiliers Bk 23 Ref 8613y

Hall Maurice 1827522 Attn Yr 1941

Hedges George 1760735 Attn Yr 1940

Hedge George Alobert 1635885 Attn Yr 1940

Humphrey E 7358571 Clty Lst 1940
 Corporal RAMC France WO 417/18

Humphrey E 7880636 Clty Lst 1940
 Sapper Royal Engineers France WO 417/18

Humphrey E 7358571 Clty Lst 1940
 Corporal RAMC France WO 417/14

Humphrey E 5109145 Clty Lst 1944
 Lance Sergeant Royal Artillery At Sea
 WO 417/73

Humphries J F 154875 Clty Lst 1941
 Gunner Royal Artillery WO 417/24

Humphries J F 1115429 Clty Lst 1944
 Gunner Royal Artillery NW Europe
 WO 417/82

Humphries J F 5182245 Clty Lst 1942
 Corporal Gloucestershire Regiment Burma
 WO 417/47

Hunt A W T168551 Clty Lst 1942
 Cpl. RASC Malaya WO 417/41

Hunt A W 7618442 Clty Lst 1943
 Pte RAOC Italy, North Africa WO 417/69

Hunt A W 1521020 Clty Lst 1944

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U/L/Cpl Corp Mil Police NW Europe
WO 417/81

Hunt A W 6916721 Clty Lst 1944
W/Cpl Rifle Brigade Italy, North Africa
WO/417/81

Kyte George 1771267 Attn Lst
Reposted to L.A.A ---- Dis / 18.7.44 S 113

Lomas Edward 1376515 BCGLS
Sergeant DFM 1939-1945

Lomas Edward 907263 Attn Yr 1939

Lomas Edward 1141140 Attn Yr 1941

Lomas Edward 1790902 Attn Yr 1941

Matthews V 856416 Clty Lst 1942
Bombadier Royal Artillery Western Desert,
Middle East WO 417/54

Miles Ernest 968359 Attn Yr 1939

Miles Ernest 994668 Attn Yr 1939

Miles Ernest 11261051 Attn Yr 1941

Mills R 1519313 Clty Lst 1940
Gunner Royal Artillery France WO 417/16

Mills R 938345 Clty Lst 1943
U/A/L/Sgt Royal Artillery Western Desert
Middle East WO 417/66

Portlock Edward Thomas 1440741 Attn Yr 1938

Preston William 1436604 Attn Yr 1938

Preston William 1467262 Attn Yr 1938

Preston William 877693 Attn Yr 1938

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Preston William	1764240	Attn Yr 1940
Preston William	1677117	Attn Yr 1940
Preston William	1619710	Attn Yr 1940
Preston William	1699994	Attn Yr 1940
Preston William	1641514	Attn Yr 1940
Preston William	1818303	Attn Yr 1941
Preston William	1836755	Attn Yr 1941
Riley W	822705	Clty Lst 1940
	Gunner Royal Artillery France	WO 417/20
Riley W	1520065	Clty Lst 1941
	Bombadier Royal Artillery	At Sea wo 417/32
Riley W	7893193	Clty Lst 1941
	Tropper RAC	Greece, Middle East
	WO 417/26	
Riley W	71132	Clty Lst 1941
	Driver RASC	WO 417/29
Riley W	3446700	Clty Lst 1942
	Sapper Royal Engineers	Western Desert,
	Middle East	WO 417/39
Robins Charles	858680	Attn Yr 1936
Robins George Henry John	985966	Attn Yr 1939
Robinson Anthony	1541273	Attn Yr 1938
Robinson Anthony	1135692	Attn Yr 1941
Savory Edward Norman	1724639	Attn Yr 1940
Symes Thomas	1741592	Attn Yr 1940
Tidmarsh A	5380887	Clty Lst 1944
	Cfn RE&ME	North East Europe WO 417/80

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Timms A 5496969 Clty Lst 1941
Trooper Royal Armed Corps Cyrenaica,
Middle East WO 417/24

Timms J 1100214 Clty Lst 1945
W.Bdr Royal Artillery Burma WO 417/88

Timms Joseph 1459838 Attn Yr 1938

Timms Joseph 1100214 Attn Yr 1940

Timms Sidney 11008886 Attn Lst
enlisted TA Attached to NS W Discharged
July 1956 etc.

Trinder Arthur 14699298 BA Welch
Royal Welsh Fusiliers transferred in 1944
details not given

Trulocke Hubert 860470 Attn Yr 1936

Vincent A J Alwyn 14310068 Clty Lst
1944
Pte Green Hoards (7th Btn) N W Europe
WO 417/77

Vincent A J 2128485 Clty Lst 1944
A/L/Cpl Royal Engineers N W Europe
WO 417/78

Vincent George Ernest 965995 Attn Yr 1939

Vincent Ernest 1617690 Attn Yr 1940

Viner J 2591151 Clty Lst 1944
Driver Royal Corps of Signals Italy, North
Africa WO 417/79

Wells William 1539854 Attn Yr 1938

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Wells William	863501	Attn Yr 1937
Wells William	1077475	Attn Yr 1940
Wells William	1087723	Attn Yr 1940
Wells William	1688567	Attn Yr 1940
Wells William	1762677	Attn Yr 1940
Wells William	1775616	Attn Yr 1940
Wells William	1598565	Attn Yr 1940
Wells William	1598728	Attn Yr 1940
Wells William	1615522	Attn Yr 1940
Wells William	1780002	Attn Yr 1941
Weston Thomas	852602	Attn Yr 1935
Weston Thomas	1520532	Attn Yr 1938
Weston Thomas	1542902	Attn Yr 1938
Wheeler George	1488801	Attn Yr 1938
Wheeler George	1572798	Attn Yr 1938
Wheeler George	900120	Attn Yr 1939
Wheeler George	1632768	Attn Yr 1940
Wheeler George	1135758	Attn Yr 1941
Wheeler George	790021	Prisoner of war
	Gunner Prison Ship MA 1942	
Wheeler George	1154966	Attn Yr 1942
Wiggins P G	7937620	Clty Lst 1942
	Trooper Royal Armoured Corps Cyrenaica, Middle East WO 417/46	
Wiggins P M C	160668	Clty Lst 1944
	Captain Royal Artillery NW Europe WO 417/6	

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Wilkins H	2152523	Clty Lst 1944
	Sapper Royal Engineers India	WO 417/73
Wilkins H	1564989	Clty Lst 1945
	Gunner Royal Artillery Burma	WO 417/89
Wilkins H	14661509	Clty Lst 1944
	Fusilier Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry	
	Italy, North Africa	WO 417/73
Wilkins L	3857367	Clty Lst 1942
	Trooper Reconnaissance Corps	WO 417/53
	also recorded in	Clty Lst 1945
	as Trooper Royal Armoured Corps	
	WO 417/93	
Wilkins L	932592	Clty Lst 1944
	Gunner Royal Artillery Italy, North Africa	
	WO 417/73	

Where does one go from here? How to identify those from Brize Norton. Those who served in the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry are strong candidates since this was the "local" regiment, but people could choose or be transferred to other regiments.

Contact with long standing families in the village may rule out a number of "candidates". We need such families to come forward.

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For the meantime this is as far as my research goes. Having worked through FindmyPast I am working my way through Forces War Records and Ancestry to see whether there is any other information.

Having done all this it would be fair to say that most if not all the people identified above by matching on their surname, initials and dates of birth (where available) were NOT from Brize Norton.

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Chapter 8 - RAF Brize Norton

The RAF Base was built on Brize Norton land. Maps showing the parish boundary confirm this and the fields belonging to Moat Farm (now Church Farm) were swallowed up. By 1939 9 residents of Brize worked on the Base.

Following a bulleted history I include an extract of an authoritative account with great detail.

1935-1950

Summary of key points of interest:

- Building started in 1935, and No.2 Flying Training School arrives in Aug 1937 bringing Hawker Harts, Furies and Audaxes.
- 6 MU (41 Group) arrives and opens in Oct 1938, using D-type hangars now occupied by JATEU.
- March 1939 sees arrival of Harvards, by outbreak of war more than 25 received along with Oxfords and Blenheims.
- Following fall of France, HQ 15 SFTS lodges at Brize Norton during 1940 until Kidlington is available.

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- On 16 Aug 1940 the airfield is attacked by two Ju 88's, destroying many aircraft that were hangared for protection against the elements.
- During 1941 No.2 SFTS continues to train RAF pilots, whilst 6 MU handles Blenheims, Hampdens, Hurricanes, Spitfires and Fairey Battles.
- No.25 Blind Approach Training Flight forms in Nov 1941, remaining until Jul 1942 (as 1525 BAT Flt)
- The recently formed Heavy Glider Conversion Unit arrives at Brize Norton on 15 Jul 1942, and the station becomes the training centre for Army glider pilots.
- No.6 MU now erects and handles Horsa gliders. Whitley V bombers are used as glider tugs,. The unit is established to have 56 Horsas and 34 Whitleys.
- The first re-surfacing of the runways took place from 10 Feb to 20 Apr 1943, with flying training transferred to Grove.
- HGCU moves to North Luffenham in Mar 1944. Brize Norton is switched to 38 Gp control and Albermarles from 296 and 297 Sqns arrive.

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- Further trianing of Horsa pilots continue during 1944 in preparation for the assault on Normandy.
- On night of 5th/6th June 1944, 296/297 Sqns using 18 Albermarles towed 5th Parachute Brigade to landing Zone 'Z' near river Orne in Normandy.
- During 6th June, 40 Horsa gliders were towed in support of Operation Mallard carrying part of the 6th Airborne Division.
- At the end of the war more than 200 enemy aircraft are brought to UK for examination or use as transports. First to land at Brize Norton was a Ju88 on 10 May 45.
- None of the captured aircraft were conserved and all were eventually scrapped (rumour has it that a large pit near Base Hangar was used to dispose of the aircraft)
- December 1945 sees arrival of the School of Flight Efficiency and Transport Command Development Unit (TDCU). Principle task is the development of airborne delivery of mixed loads. TDCU uses Dakotas, Halifaxes, Hamilcars, Horsas, Liberators, Stirlings, Yorks, and even a few Hoverfly helicopters!

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- 6MU continues to dispose of Spitfires, but in Jan 48 receives its first Meteor jet. TDCU leaves for Abingdon in Jun 49.
- 21 Gp Training Command takes control of the airfield on 4th July 1949, with Harvards from the Examining Wing of the Central Flying School arriving (later supplemented by Mosquitos)
- Soon after, Bomber Command takes control of the airfield on 1st June 1950 in preparation for use by American forces planning Strategic Air Command (SAC) bases in UK.

Extract from "The History of Royal Air Force Brize Norton by S. J. Bond"¹

Royal Air Force Brize Norton came into being as a result of the RAF expansion programme of the early nineteen- thirties. The original site chosen for the aerodrome was some two or three miles

¹ see

[http://rafbrizenorton.yolasite.com/
history.php](http://rafbrizenorton.yolasite.com/history.php)

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further south, near the village of Clanfield, but it was soon discovered that this area was liable to flooding in the winter months, so the final choice fell on an area of farmland bounded by the villages of Brize Norton, Carterton and Black Bourton. In fact, Carterton was to have been the name of the airfield, but this was changed to avoid any possible confusion with Cardington in Bedfordshire.

Work began in 1935 along well established lines, with an almost circular grass landing area approximately 1,000 yards across, with a domestic and technical site in the north west corner, which included 5 'B' type hangars. Four further hangar areas were also provided, dispersed at various points around the perimeter and each consisting of two hangars.

The station was allocated to No 23(T) Group, and was officially opened on 13th August 1937. On 7th September, the first flying unit arrived, when No 2 Flying Training School (FTS) arrived from Digby, Lincs, bringing with it a collection of Hart Trainers, Audax and Fury aircraft. In fact, much of the building work was still unfinished at this time, with personnel being housed in temporary

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wooden huts, but this did not prevent 2 FTS from rapidly settling back down to its task of aircrew training, which included detachments to armament practice camps.

The first such detachment since the unit arrived at Brize Norton ended in disaster, when the entire formation of aircraft en route to Penrhos in Wales was lost after flying into bad weather. Thereafter, bombing practice was moved to Chesil Beach in Dorset, with the aircraft operating from nearby Warmwell. Here again, tragedy struck, with one aircraft coming down in the sea, the pilot being killed.

Accidents like this were an all too familiar part of life at a training establishment, and Brize Norton units certainly had their fair share right up to the end of the last war. During these early days at 2 FTS, at least two more Hart Trainers were lost during local flying, killing trainee pilots in both cases. However, there was certainly a lighter side to life, and the unit was not without its quota of characters, amongst whom were Flight Sergeant Lillywhite, an instructor, who used to drive himself around in a steam car, and a wing commander, who regularly came to work on a

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horse! In fact, this latter mode of transport was even used for towing the biplanes on occasions.

The next major development occurred on 10th October 1938, with the forming of No 6 Maintenance Unit, which occupied one hangar on the main site and all the previously mentioned dispersed sites. The main work of the unit, which was to remain largely unaltered for the next thirteen years, was the modification, storage and reissue of a wide variety of aircraft types.

6 MU was part of 41 Group, Maintenance Command, and the first aircraft to arrive for storage were two Saunders Roe Cloud amphibians, which were flown in from Ansty on 30th January 1939. By the end of the following month, more than 200 aircraft had been received, including Swordfish, Battle, Tiger Moth, Gladiator, etc. In fact, as time passed, the variety of aircraft handled increased to encompass almost every type in RAF service up to the end of the war, and this will be dealt with in more detail later on.

Another aircraft operator on the station at this time was the Station Flight, which was one of the very few to be issued with a de Havilland Don

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with the arrival of L2415 during 1938. This aircraft had originally been intended as a turreted general purpose trainer, before policy changes resulted in its relegation to the rather more mundane task of communications. However, its service life was short and all remaining examples had been grounded by 1940.

On Saturday, 20th May 1939, 2 FTS was host to the public at what was to be the last Empire Air Day. This was a very different affair from the air displays of today; there was no static display of aircraft and the public were not even allowed onto the airfield, the flying display being centred on that part of the Carterton to Black Bourton road which used to run along the western end of the aerodrome.

Of special interest was the first appearance of 2 FTS's new Harvards and Oxfords, which were just beginning to replace the biplanes. All the flying was performed by local machines with the exception of fly-pasts by a Blenheim and a Battle and a display by a Gauntlet. The now familiar instructor/pupil act was performed in a Hart Trainer piloted by Squadron Leader Broughton and Pilot Officer P. Kewliar!

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However, more changes for 2 FTS were on the horizon and the Harvards were destined to be short-lived on the unit. In September 1939, the title of the unit was changed to No 2 Service Flying Training School (SFTS), and gradually over the next few months all the Harvards and remaining biplanes were withdrawn as the Oxford took over as sole equipment.

The onset of war brought feverish activity with the camouflaging of the airfield being completed on the day of the declaration, and three days later, two squadrons of Blenheim IVs, Nos 101 and 110, arrived from their home bases on a "scatter" exercise which kept them at Brize for just a week.

Other than this and a marked increase in the number of pupils passing through 2 SFTS, the early days of the war affected the day to day life of the station very little, although 6 MU made its own direct contribution to the war effort in early 1940 by despatching Gladiators to Finland and Blenheims to Yugoslavia. On 11th June 1940, the headquarters and part of the flying section of 15 SFTS moved in from Middle Wallop with Harvards and Oxfords whilst waiting for its ultimate base at Kidlington to be made ready. The

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rest of the unit was split between South Cerney and Chipping Norton, and shortly afterwards it became solely Harvard equipped with a total of 28 aircraft at Brize Norton. On 28th July, a 2 SFTS Oxford with Sgt Adkinson and Sgt Ward aboard, was shot down by an unknown enemy aircraft during night flying over the satellite aerodrome at Akeman Street.

Early in August, a photographic reconnaissance flight over Brize was made by the Luftwaffe as a prelude to what was to be a disastrous air-raid which had a profound effect on operations. The raid took place on Friday, 16th August, when at around teatime, two Ju 88s appeared in the circuit. Previously published accounts of the raid have talked of the aircraft flying round the circuit with their wheels down in an attempt to fool the defences into mistaking them for friendly aircraft, but this is not born out by eye-witness accounts. What is certain is that the aircraft made a low-level attack and headed straight for the main hangar complex, dropping a total of 32 bombs including two 250 kilo bombs, one of which skidded off a hard-standing and came to rest perilously near an ammunition store, fortunately failing to explode. However, one hangar, packed

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full of Oxfords, received a direct hit, destroying all the aircraft inside. In all, 46 aircraft were destroyed, comprising 35 Oxfords and 11 Hurricanes lodging with 6 MU. In addition, a further 7 Oxfords were damaged; both Ju. 88s escaped unchallenged.

One result of this raid was that within a couple of days 2 SFTS had dispersed their aircraft to relief landing grounds at Southrop and Akeman Street, and although Brize Norton was to be bombed on three more occasions no further aircraft were lost as a result. Also, on the same day that 2 SFTS completed its dispersion, 15 SFTS moved out to Kidlington.

Throughout the remainder of 1940 and most of 1941, the work of 2 SFTS continued as before, though the nature of that work continued to take a heavy toll in terms of casualties from flying accidents. A visit to the churchyard at Black Bourton reveals just how many men lost their lives before they ever got to combat, with a large proportion of European and Commonwealth airmen amongst them.

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One potentially dangerous situation, which fortunately came to a safe conclusion, concerned a pilot on a solo handling flight in an Oxford. Having got airborne, he discovered that he had undercarriage trouble, so, being unable to communicate with the ground, he had the idea of throwing a note out of the aeroplane! This he did, with the result that the circuit was cleared for him to make a safe landing! Another lucky escape came the way of the crew of a Wellington which came down in the camp area, coming to rest on the Sergeants' Mess tennis court! No injuries were sustained.

Yet another Oxford unit to operate from Brize for a brief period of time was No 1525 Beam Approach Training Flight, which was present from 18th February until 16th July 1942. It was during this period, on the 14th March to be exact, that 2 SFTS finally became 2 (P)AFU, still with Oxfords, although it also had one or two Ansons on strength. Its job was now to provide short courses for Dominion personnel until, on 14th July 1942, it was disbanded, thus bringing to an end nearly five years of powered aircraft pilot training activities.

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Although the major flying activities of Brize Norton were now to enter a very different, and certainly better known, phase, the work of 6 MU continued unabated with large numbers of aircraft passing through their hands. Amongst the many types being handled there were numbers of Douglas Bostons, many of which were destined to sit out on the airfield for several years, plus Hampdens, Beauforts, Defiants, Whirlwinds, Blenheims, Spitfires, Hurricanes, Oxfords, Tiger Moths, and even such rarities as an Avro Commodore (HH979) and Monospar ST.25 (X9334), impressed into military use at the outbreak of war, both of which spent short periods in storage before being re-issued for service.

However, the type which was probably present in the greatest numbers at that time was the Fairey Battle, brought here after its premature withdrawal from bombing duties, following its heavy mauling at the hands of the Luftwaffe in France. By now, the airfield had spread considerably into the surrounding countryside, and a large wood to the east of Brize Norton village was the home for around 60 Battles for two years or more. Finally, a sheet-metal worker on 6 MU, who still lives in the area today, was detailed

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to carry out modifications to all the aircraft, which consisted of cutting holes down through the floor and installing periscopes. He is not sure if this was ever put to use, but well remembers the aircraft being eventually overhauled and despatched overseas for further use, presumably in the training role in Canada.

The MU also suffered its share of accidents and incidents, the worst being to an Anson engaged in ferrying pilots around which crashed on approach to Brize, killing all 5 on board. Then, on 22nd December, 1940, a Hurricane crashed in a snow-storm, killing the pilot. However, all incidents did not have such tragic results, as the following, which is well remembered locally, will show.

A Spitfire was carrying out ground runs on the 28th February 1941 with a Czech or Polish pilot in the cockpit, when it inadvertently took-off with a 6 MU man still lying across the tail! A very cautious circuit was flown and a safe landing made, the tail-hanger being none the worse for his experience; in fact he still lives locally. Not so fortunate was the pilot of a Defiant whose aircraft hit No 4 hangar and was destroyed.

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The spread of the airfield brought about some interesting situations. Several small hangars suitable for two or three Spitfire-sized aircraft were erected in Carterton and other areas and disguised to look like farm buildings. It thus became a common site to see aircraft taxiing or being towed along the village roads and country lanes on their way to and from these dispersed sites. Today, just one of these small hangars remains, long since converted for use as a garage workshop. Despite its new frontage, however, a walk round the back of the building reveals its unmistakable outline and the original doors, now fixed permanently open.

Another feature which must have caused a few headaches was the Witney to Fairford railway line, which, following Brize Norton's first period of growth, found itself, for a few hundred yards, running inside the airfield boundary with a taxiway crossing it! This was resolved by the provision of one, later two, aircraft/train level crossing, and although the railway finally closed in the early nineteen-sixties the remains of the crossings can still be seen on the airfield today.

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On the 15th July 1942, the Heavy Glider Conversion Unit (HGCU) was formed at Brize Norton, a move which was to eventually result in the station assuming a front-line operational role.

With the coming into service during 1942 of the Airspeed Horsa glider, it became apparent that a new unit was needed in order to train army pilots to fly it. Previous glider experience had been largely confined to the much smaller General Aircraft Hotspur which had been relegated very early on to a training-only role due to its size.

Accordingly, on the 15th July 1942, the Heavy Glider Conversion Unit was formed at Brize Norton (which by this time had been provided with paved runways), with an initial complement of 56 Horsas, plus 34 Armstrong Whitworth Whitley V tugs, and two Oxfords. The nucleus of the headquarters staff came from 2(P)AFU personnel, and the pupil establishment was set at 62. Aircraft were delivered steadily through July, until, by the end of the month, a total of 307 day and 38 night flights had been made by the Horsas.

Flying at Brize gradually became very intense as the build-up at HGCU was added to ever

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increasing activity at 6 MU, which was assembling Horsas received direct from the factories, and had also started handling Venturas, Hotspurs, Hudsons, Liberators, Mitchells and Fortress IIs. In fact, the air space was now becoming so congested that 6 MU brought a satellite into use at Woburn Park, on the Duke of Bedford's estate, and the HGU was forced to transfer some flying to Grove airfield between the 10th February and 20th April 1943.

Another problem was the proximity of the aerodrome at Broadwell, the circuit of which, overlapped that at Brize Norton. In order to help the situation, circuit lights were installed to assist the aircrew during night flying, the start of the system being marked by an illuminated sign reading "BZ Start Now". However, an incident occurred later in the war which serves to illustrate just how potentially dangerous the situation was.

A Dakota took-off from Broadwell one night with a Horsa in tow, and immediately got into some kind of trouble which necessitated a forced landing. The tug came down in open land at Rock Farm, Carterton, the impact setting the glider adrift, albeit with the entire length of towing-cable

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still attached. At very low altitude, the Horsa Flew across Carterton village, dragging its cable across roof-tops and bringing down telephone lines until it finally was able to set down in a field adjacent to Brize Norton aerodrome. To this day, a bungalow near the present airfield boundary shows signs of the roof repairs made necessary by the passage of the cable!

As if all this were not enough, it was thought to be desirable, in view of the Luftwaffe's previous unwelcome attentions, to set up a decoy airfield some three or four miles to the south east at Tadpole Bridge. This had no function during daylight hours, but each night, a team would set out from Brize and organise a system of false runway lights. It is not certain if the enemy ever paid any serious attention to it or not.

With all this intense activity, it will come as no surprise to learn that there were many accidents in those days with Whitleys coming off particularly badly. Perhaps the most tragic occurred in the evening of 9th November 1943, when two Whitleys on pre night-flying checks were indulging in a little highspirited low-level flying. According to eye-witness accounts, a third

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Whitley attempted to join in, and almost immediately, two of the aircraft (BD502 and BD512), collided and crashed, one coming down just east of Brize Norton village alongside the Witney road and the other in farmland about half a mile away; four men were killed. Today, the spot where the first aircraft came down is still marked by the partially demolished section of dry-stone wall and small parts of the second machine are still turned up by the plough on Brown's Farm.

Yet another hazard was a row of elm trees, which were exactly in line with the upwind end of the main runway close to Black Bourton village, and eventually they claimed a casualty, again at night, when a Whitley, just airborne with a Horsa in tow struck the tree tops and came down between two cottages. The Horsa managed to cast-off, but it too hit some more elms on the far side of the village and crashed. This accident is believed to have cost 6 lives.

Early in 1943, some of the first production Albemarles arrived to replace the Whitleys, but these P-serialled aircraft were not in fact used and remained only until April, when they were returned to MUs. However, the Albemarle was not

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to be absent from the scene for long, for it was decided in early 1944, that Brize would become the base for two squadrons of these aircraft in the operational paratroop and glider-tug role.

Thus, to make the necessary room, the HGU was moved to North Luffenham during March, taking with it 36 Horsas, 40 Whitleys, 3 Oxfords and one Magister. On 8th March, Brize was transferred to No 38 Group and on the 13th of the same month, a headquarters party arrived from Stoney Cross in Hampshire, preceding Nos 296 and 297 Squadrons which came from Hum and Stoney Cross respectively. Almost immediately, 100 Horsas were added to the station's strength and training began in earnest to prepare them for DDay.

The first major exercise took place on 20th March, when 28 Albemarles, split 50/50 between the two squadrons, together with other 38 Group squadrons, dropped paratroops onto Brize Norton and released gliders. This exercise was code-named "Bizz One", and was followed by others entitled "Dreme", "Dingo", "Exeter" and "Confirmation", all along similar lines, and all

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preparing for the allotted tasks which were soon to follow on the 6th June.

The two Albemarle squadrons commenced Brize's D-Day activities by dropping the main body of the 5th Parachute Brigade on landing zone "N" at 0320 hours, from 9 aircraft of each unit. The landing zone was 6 miles from the coast and 6I miles north east of Caen, on the banks of the river Orne. The first job of the troops was to prepare the landing zone for the Horsas which followed in the second wave behind 8 tugs from 296 Squadron and nine from 297. In addition to these, further Horsas landed from behind tugs airborne from Harwell and Tarrant Rushton, with a final total of 68 gliders being put down. The main task of the men aboard these gliders was to capture two bridges over the River Orne and the Caen canal and this was successfully accomplished.

The final phase of this operation was the capture of the coastal battery at Merville, and for this, three further Horsas were towed by 297 Squadron following 2.5 hours behind a heavy bombardment by 100 Lancasters, and a landing of Horsas from other 38 Group stations. The Brize aircraft were landed directly onto the battery to effect its final

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capture, although in the event, only two aircraft made it, the tow-rope of the third aircraft broke and it was forced to set down at Odiham on the outward journey.

Finally, on the evening of D-Day, in Operation Mallard, the two squadrons each used 20 Albemarles to tow Horsas containing men of the 6th Airborne Division to another landing zone.

Operation Comet, which was planned for the 8th September, involved 97 Horsas being flown to Manston' but in the event, the operation was cancelled. However, they returned to Manston on the 15th for operation Market, joining other units, including Hadrian gliders. On the 17th, a total of 46 Horsas and 10 Hadrians were towed-off and joined the many other units en route to Arnhem. In one of the gliders was Brize Norton's Station Commander, Group Captain T M Abraham, DFC, who spent some time at the landing zone. On the second day of the operation, a further 43 gliders were taken over, but thereafter, Brize aircraft took no further part.

In addition to all the towing work, which also included positioning gliders for other tug

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squadrons, 296 and 297 were involved in leaflet raids on the Channel Islands, code-named "Nest Egg", and also dropped personnel and supplies to the resistance movement in Europe.

In all these operations, only one fatal accident at Brize is recorded when an Albemarle, returning from an operational sortie, crashed at Black Bourton, killing 7 crew. On 30th September, 296 and 297 moved to Earls Colne in Essex in two stages taking 47 Horsas each time.

On October 15th the HGCU returned home from North Luffenham, with the flying wing shortly preceding the servicing wing, and by the 20th, it had become No 21 HGCU, reflecting the still increasing pace of glider operations. No 22 HGCU was set up at the same time at nearby Keevil and Fairford, with No 23 HGCU at Peplow and Seighford.

The establishment of 21 HGCU at this time was intended to be 35 Albemarles, 34 Horsas and 6 Oxfords, but in fact, the Whitley was destined to soldier on, the last examples not leaving until January 1945. In addition, Hadrian gliders began

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arriving during November 1944 to supplement the Horsas.

During all these changes on the operational side of the station, the MU had steadily continued and indeed diversified its work still further. On 8th February 1943, it had taken over the satellite at Barton Abbey from 39 MU and then transferred that at Woburn Park to 8 MU. By early 1944, the predominant aircraft being handled was the Spitfire, with growing numbers of Stirling III and IV. At the end of June there were 301 aircraft in stock, and in November there was another about-tam when the Woburn Park strip was taken over again, and gradually, 175 Stirlings accumulated there. One Stirling came to grief at Brize on March 26th 1944, causing injury to three of the crew, one of whom later died.

Another fatal accident involving the MU occurred in March 1945, when one of the test pilots, Sqn Ldr Anderson was killed in a crash near the village of Shilton; the aircraft has been variously reported as a Spitfire or Hurricane. 21 HGU also continued to suffer accidents and on November 17th 1944, yet again at night, Whitley LA873 flew

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into the ground at Ducklington, with Horsa LG749 still attached, killing both crews.

As the re-equipment with Albemarles built up, the training of RAF glider pilots ceased altogether, and thereafter, only army pupils passed through the unit.

On the 1st June 1945, the HGCU became the parent unit for No 1 Glider Training School at Croughton, Northants, which had a complement of Masters, Tiger Moths and Hotspurs. With the end of the war came a reduction in the intensity of training, but experiments were tried with alternative tug aircraft, both Stirlings and Halifaxs being tried, although the Albemarle continued in use. During October, some Horsas and Hadrians were towed over to nearby Hullavington for "TAF" Day; unfortunately, Horsa RX618 crashed into a hangar after release and was written off.

Brize Norton's long association with glider training finally came to an end on the 31 st December 1945, when 21 HGCU moved to Elsham Wolds in Lincolnshire, taking Horsas, Hadrians, Albemarles and Halifaxs with it. Many Horsas,

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however, were destined not to make the journey, for with the cessation of hostilities, the need for large numbers of the gliders abruptly ended leaving a great number awaiting assembly at 6 MU. The solution found was to offer the fuselages for sale locally; the original price was £25, but as time went by this gradually came down in stages to 25/- and then the final two dozen aircraft were offered free to anyone who could take them away!

The redundant machines found a ready market as garden sheds, and thirtythree years later, a few were still to be found in back gardens and allotments. In fact, during 1978, two fuselage sections were rescued for restoration by the Mosquito Aircraft Museum at London Colney, Herts, with another going to the care of the Brize Norton Aviation Society. Amongst many other unwanted items which found there way onto the open market, were Spitfire mainwheels which went for 10 shillings a pair!

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of 6 MU's work at this time however, was the storage of captured German aircraft after their evaluation at Farnborough, or use as "hacks" by the occupying forces. The first to arrive was a Junkers Ju. 188 on

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the 10th May, and between then and 1947, when the last new arrivals were received, around 70 aircraft were handled, the most numerous being the Junkers Ju. 52/3M and the Messerschmitt Me. 163B, with about 20 examples of each.

In addition to storage, the German aircraft were also sent out to various exhibitions, including Hyde Park in September 1945 (Me 163, He 162, Me 108, Me 110, Fw 190, Ju 88 and Fi 156) and Brize Norton's own Battle "At Home" Day on the same day (15th September) when the following were displayed: Ju 52/3M, Ar 234B, Fw 190, Fw 189, Ju 188, Ju 88, Me 262, He 162, He 219, Si 204. In addition, another He 162 plus an Me 163 were despatched to Little Rissington on loan for their open day.

Although some aircraft were passed to 47 MU at Sealand, 76 MU at Wroughton and various other RAF stations in ones and twos, the vast majority lingered on at Brize, with the larger aircraft open to the elements until the bad winter of 1946/47 took its toll. Many of the aircraft were overturned in the gales, and others suffered from falling trees, and shortly after this, the wholesale scrapping began. The aircraft were taken to the south side of

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the airfield where 6 MU were already scrapping Spitfires, Spitefuls and Liberators. After all useful pieces and large metal areas had been removed, the mortal remains were buried in twenty feet deep holes where they remain to this day. This burial process was quite common with another pit being sited out beyond Brize Norton village in farmland, to accommodate the remains of aircraft that had been stored in dispersed sites.

The last recorded "movement" of a German aircraft took place on the 16th of December 1948, when Siebel Si 204D AM 46 was sold to the Eyre Smelting Co. Most of the German aircraft on display in Britain today passed at some stage through 6 MU, but it is sad to record that many now extinct aircraft were scrapped in the great clear-out, including such types as Ju 290, He 219, Fw 189, Do 217.

The MU's main task now was to reduce to scrap a wide variety of aircraft; the Spitefuls already mentioned, together with its naval counterpart, the Seafang, were received straight from the production line, with many never having been flown. In January 1946, -it took over the satellite at Chipping Warden in Northants for the storage

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of complete Horsas, and then in May 1947, Woburn Park was closed after the last Stirlings there had been scrapped.

After this, 6 MU became a mere shadow of its former self, although it entered the jet age in January 1948 when the first two Meteors arrived, the main variants handled being the F 4 and T 7. However, the Spitfire continued to be the main type to be found here right up to the time the MU finally disbanded on the 31 st December 1951, when all the Spitfires, plus 3 Meteors and 7 Proctors were despatched to other MUs.

TCDU also carried out trials with aircraft from other air forces and during 1947, Fairchild C-82s spent some time at Brize carrying out dropping trials on the airfield in order to give the USAAF benefit of TCDU's experience. Later still, the USAAF returned again, this time with C-119s and towing trials with Horsas were carried out.

On the 5th September 1946, 297 Squadron returned to Brize from Tarrant Rushton, although it was now equipped with the Halifax A IX. Its six aircraft stayed for just under a year before moving to Fairford in August 1947.

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Shortly after this, on the 23rd September, Brize Norton staged "Exercise Longstop II", which was a demonstration of operating a mobile staging post for forward air supply. For the purpose of the exercise, Brize was considered to be a captured airfield whose runways were still intact.

A total of twenty Yorks were flown in, consisting of five from No 4 Group and fifteen from No 47 Group. Before 1,500 invited spectators, the aircraft were taxied in front of the tented staging post area for unloading. Unfortunately, the timing went slightly adrift, with some aircraft sitting on the taxiway with engines running for some considerable time, waiting for the aircraft ahead to unload and clear. However, the usefulness of the York at that time was well illustrated, with one aircraft unloading a jeep, anti-tank gun and trailer in less than five minutes.

The final part of the exercise consisted of a rapid-landing demonstration by TCDU Dakotas, with five aircraft being brought in at two minute intervals. Another advance in long-range transport technology had already been demonstrated at Brize the previous day, when a USAAF C-54 (42-72461) Skymaster landed after

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flying from the United States without any of the nine crew having touched the controls. The aircraft used a system of radio beams and "corridor control" and had a mixed crew of USAAF and RAF personnel and civilians. It belonged to the All Weather Flying Centre.

On June 30th 1949, the TCDU moved to Abingdon, Berks, and on the 4th July, Brize Norton was again transferred, this time to No 21 Group, Flying Training Command, thus echoing its earliest days; a feeling which was reinforced by the arrival the next day of 25 Harvards from the Examining Wing of the Central Flying School, Little Rissington. They stayed until the 16th March 1950, during which time Fairford was used as a relief landing ground.

Prior to this, on the 15th August 1949, yet another unit had arrived. This time it was No 204 Advanced Flying School from Driffield, Yorkshire, with Mosquito T 3 and FB 6 aircraft. The job of this unit was to convert aircrew onto type, and yet again, accidents were fairly frequent, with one Mosquito coming down alongside the Brize Norton to Bampton road, and another crashing in marshy ground opposite the "Mason's Arms"

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public house in Brize village. This accident, on the 5th December 1949, killed one of the crew.

On 1st March 1950, the station was moved to 23 Group, Flying Training Command and then on the 9th June, the Mosquitoes left for Swinderby, Lincs. Finally, on the 1st of June, just before 204 AF S's departure, the station was put in the charge of Bomber Command as a prelude to its handing over to the United States Air Force.

Chapter 9 - The Mary Ellis story

Mary Wilkins went to Brize Norton Primary School from the age of 12 joining on 28 October 1929. She and her siblings (Dora and Herbert) joined at the same time. Dora was 7 years younger and Herbert 1 year older. Dora transferred to Burford Grammar school at the age



of 10 in 1935 having won a scholarship. Their father Charles Wilkins (dob 5.1.1885) farmed at Manor Farm and Dora remembers looking out of the windows from the Manor House. The 1939 Register lists 3 members of the Wilkins family at

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Manor Farm and 3 members including their father living in the Homestead (see their names in Appendix 3). Dora was married to Peter Brown a former churchwarden of St Britius church and an egg farmer in Brize Norton. Dora moved to live with Mary in the Isle of White.

Her story is well documented though the fact that she resided in Brize Norton in her teens is not!

Early life

Mary Wilkins was born on 2 February 1917, in Leafield, Oxfordshire, to a farming family. She developed a fascination with aviation from a young age, as her family home was located near Royal Air Force bases at Bicester Airfield and Port Meadow. At the age of 11 her father paid for her to have a joy ride in a biplane at a flying circus, and she decided she wanted to learn to fly. When she was 16 she started having lessons at a flying club in Witney, successfully gained a private pilot's licence and flew for pleasure until the start of the Second World War in 1939, when all civilian flying was banned.

Second World War

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In October 1941, she joined the Air Transport Auxiliary, and was posted to a pool of women flyers based in Hamble in Hampshire. Over the course of the war she flew over 1,000 planes of 76



different types, including Harvards, Hurricanes, Spitfires and Wellington bombers. Some of her flights were to relocate planes from Royal Air Force airfields to the frontline, and others were to ferry new planes from factories to airfields.

Post Second World War

After the war the Air Transport Auxiliary was disbanded. However, Ellis was seconded to the Royal Air Force and continued to ferry aircraft.

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She was one of the first women to fly the Gloucester Meteor, Britain's first jet fighter. She later moved to the Isle of Wight.

In 1950, she became the manager of Sandown Airport on the Isle of Wight, and Europe's first female air commandant. Ellis managed Sandown for twenty years, during which time she also founded the Isle of Wight Aero Club. A former ATA colleague, Vera Strode, was hired by Ellis as the chief flying instructor.

In 2016, Ellis published her autobiography: *A Spitfire Girl: One of the World's Greatest Female ATA Ferry Pilots Tells Her Story*.

Recognition

In 2017 a plaque was unveiled at RAF Brize Norton in recognition of Ellis' and fellow pilot, Molly Rose's, "contribution to ATA".

In 2018, Ellis was granted the Freedom of the Isle of Wight.

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Ellis was featured on the BBC in 2018 highlighting, among other achievements, solo flights where other teams consisted of eight crew.

Personal life

She married fellow pilot Don Ellis in 1961, and they had a house next to the runway at Sandown. Don Ellis died in 2009.

Ellis died at her home in Sandown, Isle of Wight, on 24 July 2018 at the age of 101.

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Mary Ellis blazed a trail for female aviators, as one of the first women to fly Spitfires, heavy bombers and jet aircraft.

She was a member of the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA), which employed civilians to deliver planes

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from factories to airfields during the Second World War.

However, her contribution to the war effort was not always appreciated.

At one RAF base, the ground crew refused to believe she was the pilot of the Wellington bomber she had just landed.

"They actually went inside the aeroplane and searched it," she recalled.

"Everybody was flabbergasted that a little girl like me could fly these big aeroplanes all by oneself."

"I was interested in aeroplanes from almost the year dot," she said.

The Aeroplane magazine fumed in a 1940 editorial: "Women anxious to serve their country should take on work more befitting their sex instead of encroaching on a man's occupation."

Another editor wrote: "The menace is the woman who thinks that she ought to be flying in a high-speed bomber when she really has not the

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intelligence to scrub the floor of a hospital properly."

"Girls flying aeroplanes was almost a sin at that time," Mary Ellis later recalled.

Against this background and despite her mother's misgivings, she applied to the ATA after hearing an advertisement on BBC radio and was "readily accepted" in 1941.

She was soon flying "fast and furious aeroplanes and bombers all over the country", as aircraft production and casualties rose.

The work was "exhilarating and sometimes very dangerous", she recalled. Pilots often flew unfamiliar aircraft, guided by the "Ferry Pilots notes", which gave landing instructions.

"We'd say to each other, 'Oh look what I've got, look what I've got'. And that was terribly exciting. Sometimes frightening as well because the aeroplanes were all different. You'd get out of a Tiger Moth into a Wellington bomber and then into a Spitfire."

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Based at an all-women's ATA pool in Hamble, Hampshire, she recalled that she flew "about 1,000" aircraft during the war including 76 different types.

Mary Ellis came close to death on several occasions.

She was shot at over Bournemouth, possibly by friendly fire, and had a near-miss as she landed in fog at the same time as another Spitfire coming in the opposite direction.

She also survived a crash-landing when the undercarriage on her Spitfire jammed, causing the engine to overheat.

"I just knew that I had to do something before the engine blew up. One didn't get excited or anything else. It's just a part of the job of coping with an aeroplane."

Nearly one in 10 of the ATA's 168 female members were killed during the war, including aviation pioneer Amy Johnson.

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Mary's friend Dora Lang died in a crash in 1944. "I missed her terribly", she recalled. "And for two days I was not allowed to fly - I didn't want to. But after that one realised, well, there is a war on, we must get on with our jobs. And we did."

The ATA's founder, Pauline Gower, had joked the organisation's acronym could stand for "Always Terrified Airwomen".

But Mary said the women "proved that we could handle aeroplanes and do the job that we were supposed to do."

They were also able to enjoy an active social life.

"We had lots of boyfriends. Because at that time we were called the 'glamour girls' - I don't know why. But there were always plenty of escorts around."

When the ATA was disbanded in 1945, Mary Wilkins was seconded to the RAF, where she became one of the first women to fly Britain's first jet fighter, the Gloster Meteor.

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She went on to become manager of Sandown Airport on the Isle of Wight in the 1950s and 1960s, hiring a former ATA colleague, Vera Strode, as chief flying instructor.

A correspondent for Flight Magazine, visiting the airport in 1951, described it as a "woman pilots' Utopia", whose "extra quota of feminine charm... has had no disturbing effect on the enthusiasm of club members."

Away from the airport, she indulged a love of fast cars, entering and winning sports car rallies, and ran a fashion boutique.

"She is the most glamorous person I know," her niece Rosemarie Martin recalled before Mary's death.

"She enjoys fashion and always wears nail polish. Very strong on etiquette - the right china, the right cutlery, your manners, she could write a book on that."

Mary married Don Ellis, a fellow pilot, in 1961, and began to host "legendary parties", Ms Martin said.

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She continued to live in the marital home beside the runway at Sandown after his death in 2009.

At the age of 101, she was still driving daily to local shops.

In November 2016, she and fellow ATA pilot Joy Lofthouse were honoured in front of members of the Royal Family at the annual Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

"Being an ATA pilot was fantastic," Mary Ellis recalled.

"Up in the air on your own. And you can do whatever you like. I flew 400 Spitfires. And occasionally I would take one up and go and play with the clouds.

"I would like to do it all over again. There was a war on but otherwise it was absolutely wonderful."

As I write, the Brize Norton Parish Council is submitting an application for a Blue Plaque in honour of Mary Ellis. The plaque would be fixed to the Manor House wall for all to see. I am

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grateful to Les Gamble for sharing a copy of the application which includes a write up of Mary Ellis.

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Chapter 10 - Follow up

Press Coverage

I have looked through newspaper and magazine archives articles about Brize Norton and the RAF Base during WW2. Although there are 60 items very few are worthy of mention.

A Spitfire 'plane landing at Brize Norton , Oxon ., aerodrome yesterday , came into collision with a tractor working alongside the edge of the landing-ground and the driver , Albert Phillips of Cirencester , received fatal injuries . *From the 02 June 1939 - The Scotsman - Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland.*

... the Coroner for West Oxfordshire, Dr. W. Dalgliesh, at Brize Norton Aerodrome yesterday. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death." Flight.-Lieut. C. C. Barker, Medical Officer at Brize Norton, said that death was due to a fractured base of the ... *From 03 June 1939 - Gloucestershire Echo - Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England.*

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A pilot crashed after flying about two miles - Pilot Officer C A Ross attached to No 2 Flying Training School RAF Brize Norton, was killed when flying the machine solo crashed in a field near Bampton. He had only taken off a few minutes before. Search parties from the aerodrome found the machine completely wrecked. Pilot Ross's home address is in Halifax, Nova ... *From 17 February 1939 - Derby Daily Telegraph - Derby, Derbyshire, England.*

75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day 1945 BRIZE NORTON CELEBRATES VILLAGERS KNOWN TO HAVE SERVED

Corporal DAVID EDMUND PRICE

3 Amb. Car Coy., Royal Army Service Corps
who died age 23 on 23 April 1941
Husband of Nancy Price whose daughter,
Barbara was born after he died.

Remembered with honour
BRIZE NORTON (ST. BRITIUS)
CHURCHYARD EXTENSION



Flying Officer JOHN EDWARD MILLIS

177 Sqn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died age 24 on 11 March 1945.
Made a sergeant 24 on 12 March 1945.
A Witney old Grammarian.

Remembered with honour
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL



Eric Faulkner, a private in the Ox & Bucks Light Infantry who served in Northern Ireland having left Brize School at 13 to be a carpenter.

Frederick William Edgar Giles, who left Brize School aged 14 years.

Lovell Frank (Micky) Giles, RAF, lived in the Burford Road with his family, father a fish and fruit dealer. He had a mobile shop in the 70's and 80's.

Gordon Aubrey Giles, RAF, Micky's brother who left Brize School to go to Burford Grammar School. He later ran Giles Sports and Toy Shop in Carterton.

Gordon W Timms, Royal Engineers, his family lived in Forge Cottage and his father was a bricklayer.



Photo of Micky Giles

Mary Ellis (nee Wilkins)



A Spitfire Girl: One of the World's Greatest Female ATA Ferry Pilots.

Mary spent most of her young life in Brize Norton. She lived with her family at Manor Farm and went to Brize School.

In October 1941, she joined the Air Transport Auxiliary, and was posted to a pool of women flyers based in Hamble in Hampshire. Over the course of the war she flew over 1,000 planes of 76 different types, including Harvards, Hurricanes, Spitfires and Wellington bombers.

Photo of Mary Ellis (nee Wilkins)

Details taken from "Brize Norton and World War Two" the sequel to "Brize Norton and World War One". The full text of both books is on the community site at www.bncommunity.org. We are still looking for details of others from Brize village who served during WW2.

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75th Anniversary of the end of WW2

As I write the planned celebrations in Brize Norton were abruptly due to the lockdown following the coronavirus pandemic. Planned celebrations for the 75th Anniversary of VE/VJ day included a street party and a concert in St Beritius Church. However many houses put flags and bunting up, there was a display at the war memorial and the church bells were rung at 11 am, 3 pm and 9 pm.



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Looking for more information

I hope that others may come forward with further information. Indeed a process of elimination would help by identifying from living relatives those from Brize who definitely did not serve in WW2.

I am also accutely aware that I have failed to establish, with the notable exception of Mary Ellis (nee Wilkins) any women that served.

Perhaps some recollections from the generation who had their early years through the war or were born during the war years could be forthcoming. As a member of that generation, though not from Brize Norton, I have recollections of parachute mines, anti aircraft guns, being evacuated to Devon etc. Local residents must have similar experiences.

There must be so much more to find out about Brize Norton in WW2!

Appendix 1 - School Admissions Register

Here follows an extract from the Brize Norton School Admissions Register covering the period from 1913 to 1931. An extract for earlier years is included in my book about Brize Norton and WW1.

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add no	date added	add/move/rev	add/dmto/sumname	christian name	date of birth	parent	addr/bedroom	age/leaving	cause of leaving
1260	22/08/1913	1913	3 Peacock	Six	26/10/1909	Irene	Birze-Nor-non	08/05/1914	4 left
1261	22/08/1913	1913	9 Burness	Edward	25/05/1904	Tho. mas	Birze-Nor-non	08/05/1916	12 left for work
1262	22/08/1913	1913	10 Baldwin	John	21/05/1903	Irene	Baldwin	27/04/1917	13 left for work
1263	22/08/1913	1913	8 Baldwin	Albert	21/05/1905	Irene	Careton	19/05/1920	14 left for work
1264	22/08/1913	1913	4 Peacock	Walt	16/06/1909	Irene	Birze-Nor-non	11/05/1920	10 left for work
1265	22/08/1913	1913	5 Peacock	Charles	07/06/1909	Charles	Baldwin	03/06/1923	14 left for work
1266	30/08/1913	1913	3 Peacock	Lillian	12/06/1910	Arthur	Proctor	07/09/1924	14 left for work
1267	06/10/1913	1913	12 Peacock	Albert	06/08/1901	Tho. mas	Rose	16/03/1916	14 left for work
1268	06/10/1913	1913	8 Peacock	Adley	14/01/1905	Tho. mas	Careton	23/06/1916	11 ?
1269	06/10/1913	1913	10 Peacock	Alfred	29/08/1905	Tho. mas	Rose	23/06/1916	13 left for work
1270	07/10/1913	1913	10 Smith	William Henry	21/04/1903	Henry	Smith	23/06/1917	14 left for work
1271	07/10/1913	1913	8 Smith	George	01/02/1905	Henry	South	left the Padi	
1272	20/01/1913	1913	6 Smith	Frederick	13/01/1905	Henry	Whitner	Birze-Nor-non	
1273	20/01/1913	1913	4 Smith	Doris	13/01/1905	Henry	Whitner	07/06/1918	8 left the Padi
1274	24/01/1913	1913	4 Smith	Frederick	11/08/1909	Mrs. Goss	Whitner	07/06/1918	8 left the Padi
1275	24/01/1913	1913	5 Smith	Frederick	15/01/1908	Mrs. Goss	Whitner	07/06/1918	9 left the Padi
1276	27/10/1913	1913	7 Headman	Hebert	17/08/1906	Elizaeth	Headman	09/04/1916	9 left the Padi
1277	08/11/1913	1913	2 Archibald	Melvyn	07/12/1910	Elinor	Archibald	13/08/1920	9 left the Padi
1278	18/01/1914	1914	8 Tammis	Reinhard	07/12/1905	?	Tammis	08/10/1920	14 left the Padi
1279	18/01/1914	1914	6 Tammis	Reinhard	09/12/1907	Wilmot	Birze-Nor-non	20/10/1921	14 left for work
1280	20/01/1914	1914	9 Norman	William C.	11/02/1904	Wilmot	Birze-Nor-non	08/05/1916	11 left the Padi
1281	20/01/1914	1914	4 Dinkins	Doris	16/04/1909	Alma	Dinkins	08/05/1923	14 left for work
1282	16/02/1914	1914	3 Whittier	Frederick	16/02/1910	Frank	Whittier	08/11/1924	14 left for work
1283	16/02/1914	1914	5 Whittier	Daisy	03/12/1908	Frank	Whittier	08/11/1924	7 left the Padi
1284	10/03/1914	1914	11 Martin	Frederick	08/03/1903	Robert	Whittier	08/04/1916	7 left the Padi
1285	10/04/1914	1914	4 Sumner	Fredrich	04/07/1909	William	Sumner	08/04/1916	6 left the Padi
1286	12/04/1914	1914	7 Hill	Frederick	03/12/1906	Fredrick	Hill	08/11/1924	6 left the Padi
1287	18/05/1914	1914	5 Hill	Edwin	15/11/1908	Fredrick	Hill	08/11/1924	6 left the Padi
1288	18/05/1914	1914	3 Hill	Edwin	24/10/1910	Fredrick	Hill	08/11/1924	4 left the Padi
1289	18/05/1914	1914	4 Jackson	Ebie	26/08/1909	David	Jackson	08/11/1924	left the Padi
1290	22/06/1914	1914	5 Jackson	Doris	11/06/1909	David	Jackson	08/11/1924	left the Padi
1291	06/07/1914	1914	3 Knight	Christopher	20/01/1911	William	Knight	16/06/1921	?
1292	10/07/1914	1914	4 Gilkes	Rose	30/06/1910	Gordon	Gilkes	08/11/1924	?
1293	31/07/1914	1914	5 Godwin	Willard	24/07/1909	Corralius	Godwin	10/10/1917	left the Padi
1294	31/08/1914	1914	8 Boyd	Alexander	01/08/1906	David	Boyd	13/11/1924	11 gone to Coventry
1295	21/09/1914	1914	5 Boyd	Doris	26/08/1909	David	Boyd	13/11/1924	left the Padi
1296	21/09/1914	1914	12 Hopkiss	Frederick	15/02/1902	James	Hopkiss	08/11/1924	left the Padi
1297	21/09/1914	1914	10 Hopkiss	James	02/09/1904	James	Hopkiss	08/11/1924	left the Padi
1298	22/09/1914	1914	5 Hopkiss	Edna	11/06/1909	Carl	Hopkiss	08/11/1924	left the Padi
1299	22/09/1914	1914	7 Blome	George	10/11/1906	James	Blome	08/11/1924	left the Padi
1300	13/10/1914	1914	12 Walters	David	07/11/1902	Thomas	Walters	08/10/1916	14 left the Padi
1301	13/10/1914	1914	8 Walters	William	31/08/1906	Thomas	Walters	08/10/1916	10 left the Padi
1302	13/10/1914	1914	6 Walters	Alice	16/08/1908	Thomas	Walters	08/10/1916	8 left the Padi
1303	14/10/1914	1914	12 Willans	Harold	12/05/1902	Richard	Willans	08/04/1909	?
1304	01/12/1914	1914	4 Turner	Edward	07/11/1910	William	Turner	09/02/1925	14 left for work
1305	08/03/1915	1915	5 Wooley	Forrence	06/04/1909	Turner	Birze-Nor-non	12/03/1916	6 left the Padi

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add no	date/admitted	admission year	ad admitted surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	parent	last attended	age leaving	cause of leaving
1306	15/03/1915	1915	Pennick	7	female	14/08/1907	Thomas	10/05/1920	?	?
1307	17/04/1915	1915	Potts	3	male	23/07/1911	James	11/02/1926	14. leat for Wimsey	8. leat for Wimsey
1308	17/04/1915	1915	Upstone	3	female	17/01/1912	William	10/05/1920	14. leat	14. leat for labour
1309	19/04/1915	1915	Baldinger	4	male	04/12/1910	Ernest	13/12/1924	?	?
1310	19/04/1915	1915	Timms	5	female	27/10/1910	Mark	07/10/1925	14. leat	14. leat [14 years]
1311	10/04/1915	1915	Bunc	6	male	28/01/1909	Annie	17/09/1939	10. leat	10. leat
1312	10/04/1915	1915	Bunc	4	male	25/09/1910	Amie	17/09/1939	8. leat	8. leat
1313	10/04/1915	1915	Hedges	3	female	28/01/1911	Ernest	31/07/1925	14. leat for work	14. leat for work
1314	9/04/1915	1915	Joynes	9	male	07/02/1906	Elizabeth	08/06/1915	9. leat	9. leat
1315	31/05/1915	1915	Mills	5	male	22/12/1909	Fred	11/12/1924	14. leat for work	14. leat for work
1316	31/05/1915	1915	Wyll	4	female	18/05/1912	John	16/12/1915	5. leat for the Patch	5. leat for the Patch
1317	01/06/1915	1915	Ecks	3	male	01/06/1912	Francis	22/10/1916	4. leat for the Patch	4. leat for the Patch
1318	01/06/1915	1915	Irvn	9	male	28/06/1905	John	16/12/1915	10. leat for the Patch	10. leat for the Patch
1319	01/06/1915	1915	Dos	8	male	19/03/1907	John	12/10/1916	9. leat	9. leat
1320	23/06/1915	1915	Woolley	5	male	25/03/1910	Edward	08/08/1920	10. leat	10. leat
1321	23/06/1915	1915	Mills	9	male	25/11/1905	Elizabeth	16/07/1915	9. leat for the Patch	9. leat for the Patch
1322	23/06/1915	1915	Eunice	5	female	22/04/1910	Elizabeth	16/07/1915	5. leat for the Patch	5. leat for the Patch
1323	07/07/1915	1915	Kathleen	11	female	29/06/1904	Charles	01/08/1924	20. leat for work	20. leat for work
1324	07/07/1915	1915	Hanock	7	female	27/09/1908	John	12/12/1924	14. leat for work	14. leat for work
1325	04/09/1915	1915	Rees	9	female	10/03/1906	Agnes	11/05/1916	10. leat for the Patch	10. leat for the Patch
1326	12/10/1915	1915	Guthrie	11	male	23/06/1904	John	12/12/1915	11. leat for the Patch	11. leat for the Patch
1327	12/10/1915	1915	Doris Eva	10	female	12/10/1907	John	12/12/1915	8. leat for the Patch	8. leat for the Patch
1328	12/10/1915	1915	Ronald	10	male	05/09/1905	John	12/12/1915	5. leat for the Patch	5. leat for the Patch
1329	12/10/1915	1915	Vince	10	male	12/12/1904	Frank	12/12/1915	11. leat for the Patch	11. leat for the Patch
1330	12/10/1915	1915	Heaph	8	male	16/05/1907	Frank	12/12/1915	9. leat for the Patch	9. leat for the Patch
1331	12/10/1915	1915	Vince	5	male	16/06/1910	Frank	12/12/1915	6. leat for the Patch	6. leat for the Patch
1332	12/10/1915	1915	Scorfield	4	male	16/05/1911	Charles	31/07/1925	14. leat for work	14. leat for work
1333	29/09/1915	1915	McLis	17	male	13/12/1912	George	09/08/1917	14. leat for work	14. leat for work
1334	06/11/1915	1915	Eden	5	female	03/03/1910	Loren	26/01/1927	7. leat for the Patch	7. leat for the Patch
1335	10/01/1916	1916	Hill	9	male	18/10/1906	Fred	23/02/1916	9. vector	9. vector
1336	10/01/1916	1916	Hill	7	male	15/11/1908	Fred	23/02/1916	7. vector	7. vector
1337	10/01/1916	1916	Hill	5	male	24/10/1910	Fred	23/02/1916	5. leat for the Patch	5. leat for the Patch
1338	10/01/1916	1916	James	6	male	21/06/1909	George	29/09/1922	13. leat for the Patch	13. leat for the Patch
1339	10/01/1916	1916	Rose	4	female	04/02/1911	James	15/10/1927	11. leat for the Patch	11. leat for the Patch
1340	24/01/1916	1916	Bucco May	11	female	12/04/1904	George	12/10/1922	12. leat for London	12. leat for London
1341	10/02/1916	1916	Burke	3	male	22/01/1913	Annie	17/07/1919	6. leat for Swindon	6. leat for Swindon
1342	10/04/1916	1916	Hunt	4	male	21/09/1911	John	22/12/1925	14. leat for work	14. leat for work
1343	01/05/1916	1916	Mills	3	female	01/05/1913	George	05/08/1917	14. leat for work	14. leat for work
1344	15/05/1916	1916	Whaler	5	male	04/04/1911	Charles	12/10/1916	5. leat for the Patch	5. leat for the Patch
1345	21/06/1916	1916	Price	7	male	12/02/1911	William	12/10/1916	5. leat for the Patch	5. leat for the Patch
1346	26/06/1916	1916	Lore	7	male	30/04/1909	William	15/10/1927	9. leat	9. leat
1347	27/06/1916	1916	Parrot	6	male	15/09/1908	Charles	07/12/1927	7. leat for Oxford	7. leat for Oxford
1348	27/06/1916	1916	Hills	4	male	20/04/1912	Charles	30/03/1923	5. leat for Oxford	5. leat for Oxford
1349	04/08/1916	1916	Green	4	male	21/09/1911	John	12/05/1919	11. leat for Wimsey Grammer	11. leat for Wimsey Grammer
1350	25/09/1916	1916	Barnes	5	male	06/05/1912	Michael	12/05/1919	6. leat for the district	6. leat for the district
1351	25/09/1916	1916	Bleton	4	male	06/05/1912	John	12/05/1919	11. leat for Wimsey Grammer	11. leat for Wimsey Grammer

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ad no	date admitted	admission year	def addmittee surname	christian name	date of birth	age at admission	address	last attended	qualification	cause of leaving
1352	25/09/1916	1916	Mills	Ethel	04/01/1912	12	Brize Norton	21/07/1924	left medical	leaving
1353	26/09/1916	1916	York	Edith	07/02/1912	13	Brize Norton	13/01/1927	left for work	
1354	16/01/1916	1916	Hunt	Arthur	14/05/1909	17	Brize Norton	01/01/1927	left	
1355	16/01/1916	1916	Watt	Albert	16/04/1907	19	Brize Norton	12/01/1927	left	
1356	16/01/1916	1916	Heath	Albert	17/04/1910	16	Brize Norton	12/01/1927	left	
1357	16/01/1916	1916	Dorothy		16/04/1910	16	Brize Norton	12/01/1927	left	
1358	16/01/1916	1916	McLeod	Alfred	29/01/1910	16	Brize Norton	12/01/1927	left	
1359	23/01/1916	1916	Edwin	Edwin	13/08/1911	16	Gosport	6/12/1927	left	
1360	23/01/1916	1916	Walker	Edwin	14/02/1916	16	Brize Norton	31/03/1927	left for Euro work	
1361	23/01/1916	1916	Gladys		14/12/1907	18	Brize Norton	04/08/1927	left for work	
1362	23/01/1916	1916	Alice		24/02/1914	13	Brize Norton	22/02/1927	left for work	
1363	02/11/1916	1916	William	William	17/05/1911	15	Brize Norton	24/04/1927	left for work	
1364	13/11/1916	1916	Hilda May	Hilda May	17/08/1908	18	Brize Norton	31/07/1927	left for work	
1365	13/11/1916	1916	Heckman	Laura Bertha	07/09/1901	15	Brize Norton	09/04/1927	left for work	
1366	07/02/1917	1917	Timms	Joseph	18/04/1913	14	Brize Norton	09/04/1927	left for work	
1367	14/02/1917	1917	Godwin	Christopher	17/09/1912	15	Brize Norton	05/06/1927	left for work	
1368	16/04/1917	1917	Faulkner	Elizabeth	24/09/1913	14	Brize Norton	05/06/1927	left for work	
1369	16/04/1917	1917	Ruth		13/06/1913	14	Brize Norton	29/07/1927	left for Wherry	
1370	23/04/1917	1917	Sturz		02/05/1908	19	Brize Norton	29/07/1927	left for work	
1371	23/04/1917	1917	Kooley		16/07/1909	18	Catterick	27/07/1927	left for work	
1372	23/04/1917	1917	Frances		23/10/1905	22	Brize Norton	27/07/1927	left for work	
1373	23/04/1917	1917	Thomas	William Thomas	06/02/1909	18	Brize Norton	27/07/1927	left for Koscot	
1374	23/04/1917	1917	Kate Blackett		17/12/1911	16	Brize Norton	05/12/1928	left for Koscot	
1375	30/04/1917	1917	James Fred	James Fred	01/10/1913	14	Brize Norton	14/10/1927	left for work	
1376	21/05/1917	1917	Frank		04/07/1911	16	Brize Norton	21/07/1927	left for work	
1377	04/06/1917	1917	Wiggins	Alice May	04/06/1906	11	Brize Norton	05/08/1927	left for work	
1378	04/06/1917	1917	Scholey		01/06/1913	14	Brize Norton	16/10/1928	left for work	
1379	04/06/1917	1917	Albert S		07/06/1913	14	Brize Norton	16/08/1927	left for work	
1380	15/06/1917	1917	Orford		15/07/1913	14	Brize Norton	16/08/1927	left for work	
1381	15/06/1917	1917	William	Reginald William	01/05/1914	14	Brize Norton	16/08/1927	left for work	
1382	12/06/1917	1917	John		13/05/1914	14	Brize Norton	16/08/1927	left for work	
1383	12/06/1917	1917	Ed		13/05/1914	14	Brize Norton	16/08/1927	left for work	
1384	24/06/1917	1917	Edna		20/04/1912	15	Brize Norton	16/08/1927	left for work	
1385	24/06/1917	1917	Georgina		20/11/1913	15	Brize Norton	16/08/1927	left for work	
1386	24/06/1917	1917	Kosciusko		16/08/1912	15	Brize Norton	16/08/1927	left for work	
1387	08/07/1917	1917	Marshall	Robert William	08/12/1910	17	Brize Norton	16/08/1927	left for work	
1388	15/07/1917	1917	Hunt		20/09/1908	19	Brize Norton	20/10/1927	left for work	
1389	15/07/1917	1917	Fox		13/01/1905	22	Brize Norton	20/10/1927	left for work	
1390	15/07/1917	1917	Evlyn		11/02/1910	17	Brize Norton	20/10/1927	left for work	
1391	15/07/1917	1917	Edwin		24/12/1911	16	Brize Norton	20/10/1927	left for work	
1392	29/10/1917	1917	Archibald		21/08/1907	20	Brize Norton	10/12/1927	left for Lambord	
1393	29/10/1917	1917	Rose		10/05/1914	17	Brize Norton	21/10/1927	left for medical exam	
1394	29/10/1917	1917	Dorothy		16/12/1908	21	Brize Norton	25/11/1927	left for Rad vector	
1395	29/10/1917	1917	Wheler		23/08/1909	21	Brize Norton	26/11/1927	left for Rad vector	
1396	06/11/1917	1917	Robert		31/05/1911	21	Brize Norton	26/11/1927	left for Rad vector	
1397	08/11/1917	1917	Baden		01/05/1911	21	Brize Norton	31/07/1927	left for work	
			Ambrose		27/12/1907	21	Brize Norton	02/12/1927	left for Rad vector	

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ref	surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	parent	cause of having	date attended	age leaving
1388	Ambrose	Red	male	17/12/1904	Burke	Brize Norton	02/12/1937	17
1399	Isaacs	1917	12	11/1/1917	Charles	Faulkner	02/12/1937	17
1400	Whitehouse	1917	11	13/1/1917	Arnold	Archer	02/12/1937	17
1401	Widdowson	1917	12	13/1/1917	Charles	Faulkner	20/11/1937	17
1402	Williams	1917	12	13/1/1917	Charles	Holloway	20/11/1937	17
1403	Nelis	1917	12	13/1/1917	Williams	Holloway	25/10/1938	17
1404	Papies	10	female	10/6/1907	Jane	Mrs W	10/09/1937	17
1405	Monroy	1917	12	19/11/1917	Grace	Mrs W	25/08/1905	17
1406	Fauldor	1917	12	19/11/1917	Jane	Mrs W	25/08/1905	17
1407	Benjamin	1917	6	19/11/1917	Benjamin	Joseph	03/07/1911	14
1408	Cecil	1917	10	19/11/1917	Hill	Joseph	25/03/1907	14
1409	Herbert	1917	9	19/11/1917	Fred	Hedges	18/10/1908	14
1410	Haagert	1917	6	19/11/1917	Fred	Hedges	12/09/1911	14
1411	Garnier	1917	13	19/11/1917	Alton	William	12/09/1911	14
1412	Garrett	1917	13	19/11/1917	Kate	William	09/03/1904	14
1413	Lorhdon	1917	10	16/11/1917	Clara	Mrs W	13/10/1907	14
1414	Nichols	1917	8	16/11/1917	Active	Mrs W	16/09/1909	14
1415	Browne	1917	10	29/11/1917	Ebeneeza	Mrs W	04/02/1907	14
1416	John	1917	9	29/11/1917	John	Mrs W	25/07/1908	14
1417	Wright	1917	17	16/11/1917	Phenomeno	Mrs W	13/06/1912	14
1418	Reynolds	1917	17	17/11/1917	Key	Mrs W	13/06/1912	14
1419	Reynolds	1917	18	17/11/1917	Eliza May	Mrs W	08/12/1914	14
1420	Reynolds	1918	5	27/03/1918	Reynolds	Mrs W	18/12/1911	14
1421	Reynolds	1918	6	27/03/1918	Reynolds	Maud	28/06/1911	14
1422	Humphrey	1918	4	04/03/1918	Albert	Maud	11/07/1911	14
1423	Fauldor	1918	12	04/03/1918	Edward	Maud	11/07/1911	14
1424	Dorothy	1918	12	11/03/1918	John	Maud	31/08/1905	14
1425	Dicks	1918	5	11/03/1918	Michael	Maud	09/07/1912	14
1426	Brown	1918	6	08/04/1918	Walter	Maud	26/02/1912	14
1427	Brown	1918	4	15/04/1918	Cecil	Maud	02/03/1914	14
1428	Brown	1918	7	18/04/1918	Betty	Maud	05/07/1910	14
1429	Knowles	1918	18	27/05/1918	Eric	Maurice	06/07/1911	14
1430	Hedges	1918	18	30/06/1918	Elton	Maurice	03/04/1914	14
1431	Tolsey	1918	4	09/07/1918	Long	Edwin John	30/10/1911	14
1432	Long	1918	7	23/09/1918	Ronald	George	06/08/1909	14
1433	Badger	1918	5	23/09/1918	Harry	James	21/05/1913	14
1434	Watson	1918	7	23/09/1918	Michael	James	21/05/1913	14
1435	Leithman	1918	11	23/09/1918	Walter	John	02/06/1911	14
1436	Owen	1918	11	01/10/1918	Gwendeth	John	10/06/1907	14
1437	Lohman	1918	6	01/10/1918	Eric	Maud	13/07/1912	14
1438	Hicks	1918	5	07/10/1918	Frederick	Maud	06/07/1913	14
1439	Robert	1918	3	21/10/1918	James	George	01/04/1915	14
1440	Cobens	1918	5	04/11/1918	Roosa	James	01/03/1913	14
1441	Hunt	1918	6	02/12/1918	William	Hunt	06/02/1912	14
1442	Smith	1918	11	02/12/1918	Joseph	Frederick	07/09/1907	14
1443	Smith	1918	4	02/12/1918	Peter	William	13/04/1920	14
						Smith	07/02/1914	14

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						Entered	Leave		
1444	03/12/1928	1918	Smith	John	06/07/1912	parent		3/10/2015	parent
1445	03/03/1919	1919	Preston	Arthur	06/12/1913	male		05/06/1928	Braze Norton
1446	05/03/1919	1919	Viner	Bert	11/12/1913	male		26/06/1919	Braze Norton
1447	02/04/1919	1919	King	George	06/04/1908	female		02/06/1919	Braze Norton
1448	30/04/1919	1919	Pickler	John	16/07/1914	male		26/07/1928	Braze Norton
1449	19/02/1919	1919	Ford	Lucy	11/02/1915	female		15/07/1919	Braze Norton
1450	26/05/1919	1919	Cogges	John	04/02/1915	male		14/07/1919	Braze Norton
1451	16/06/1919	1919	Jones	Eric	04/07/1909	male		08/06/1928	Braze Norton
1452	16/06/1919	1919	Badger	Eric	05/08/1914	male		13/07/1919	Braze Norton
1453	27/07/1919	1919	Kochin	Emmett	30/11/1914	male		10/07/1921	Braze Norton
1454	13/10/1919	1919	Morton	John	06/12/1908	male		22/12/1922	Braze Norton
1455	05/08/1919	1919	Joyce	John	06/08/1909	male		11/06/1922	Braze Norton
1456	29/08/1919	1919	Stubbs	Maurice	11/09/1909	male		03/06/1921	Braze Norton
1457	29/08/1919	1919	Stubbs	John	05/07/1911	male		9/07/1921	Braze Norton
1458	29/08/1919	1919	Bradstock	George	06/12/1914	male		14/12/1920	Braze Norton
1459	29/08/1919	1919	Eischen	Elton	25/11/1914	male		21/12/1928	Braze Norton
1460	29/08/1919	1919	Hedges	Edith	17/02/1914	female		08/07/1921	Braze Norton
1461	06/10/1919	1919	Jeffs	Walter	06/04/1914	male		30/06/1922	Braze Norton
1462	13/10/1919	1919	Dicks	James	06/04/1914	male		14/07/1920	Braze Norton
1463	13/10/1919	1919	Machen	Harold	06/03/1911	male		16/01/1920	Braze Norton
1464	13/10/1919	1919	Gastreich	Malvyn	07/12/1913	male		7/07/1920	Braze Norton
1465	13/10/1919	1919	Buchanan	Lucy	06/05/1909	female		20/02/1920	Braze Norton
1466	13/10/1919	1919	Richards	John	06/05/1909	male		20/02/1920	Braze Norton
1467	20/10/1919	1919	Drinkwater	John	08/04/1913	male		11/06/1920	Braze Norton
1468	07/11/1919	1919	Hedman	John	07/08/1908	male		01/12/1929	Braze Norton
1469	07/11/1919	1919	Whitfield	John	07/09/1902	male		11/07/1929	Braze Norton
1470	07/11/1919	1919	Carroll	John	01/10/1903	male		4/07/1929	Braze Norton
1471	09/03/1920	1920	Leighard	John	01/10/1903	male		14/03/1920	Braze Norton
1472	09/03/1920	1920	Impey	Albert	01/10/1914	male		16/03/1926	Carterton
1473	16/03/1920	1920	Badcock	Edward	01/05/1914	male		03/06/1926	Braze Norton
1474	16/03/1920	1920	Upstone	William	14/02/1915	male		03/06/1926	Braze Norton
1475	12/04/1920	1920	Timms	John	11/12/1908	male		22/12/1922	Braze Norton
1476	12/04/1920	1920	Timms	Arthur	01/07/1910	male		23/12/1922	Braze Norton
1477	12/04/1920	1920	Timms	Carl	03/07/1910	male		04/08/1924	Braze Norton
1478	18/06/1920	1920	Williams	Percy	18/04/1915	male		03/06/1929	Braze Norton
1479	20/04/1920	1920	Rodding	Phyllis	26/06/1913	female		07/05/1927	Braze Norton
1480	20/04/1920	1920	Penrice	Francis Rose	26/04/1915	male		04/06/1921	Braze Norton
1481	21/04/1920	1920	Rowell	John	19/03/1912	male		3/03/1926	Braze Norton
1482	13/05/1920	1920	Timms	Glorys	22/01/1914	female		20/04/1928	Braze Norton
1483	13/05/1920	1920	Gordon	John	08/09/1912	male		30/07/1926	Braze Norton
1484	07/06/1920	1920	Dinkwater	Doris	27/05/1915	female		01/08/1929	Braze Norton
1485	21/06/1920	1920	Riley	Water	28/12/1914	male		01/08/1930	Braze Norton
1486	20/08/1920	1920	Timms	Jane Ann	11/07/1916	female		20/12/1929	Braze Norton
1487	20/08/1920	1920	Archer	Edith	01/01/1915	female		10/11/1921	Braze Norton
1488	27/08/1920	1920	Humphrey	Albert	20/09/1911	male		10/11/1921	Braze Norton
1489	27/08/1920	1920	Humphrey	Edward	11/07/1913	male		8/12/1921	Braze Norton

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1480	12/10/1920	1920	Cripps	Sarah	female	14/11/1913	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	12 left for Woodstock	
1481	18/07/1920	1920	Robins	Dorothy	female	16/08/1913	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	13 left for Rampton	
1482	20/10/1920	1920	Preston	Ins.	female	13/01/1913	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for work	
1483	21/11/1920	1920	White	Hannah	female	20/11/1913	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for work	
1484	15/08/1920	1920	Heath	Elsie	female	15/11/1913	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	13 left for work	
1485	22/11/1920	1920	Reed	Edmund	male	24/12/1913	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for work	
1486	11/02/1921	1920	Hill	Arthur	male	24/10/1910	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	11 left for work	
1487	04/11/1921	1921	Kathleen	Nancy	female	29/11/1916	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	10 left for Beaufort	
1488	23/03/1921	1921	James	George	male	29/11/1916	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	5 left the Parish	
1489	23/03/1921	1921	James	Betty	female	28/02/1916	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	5 left for London	
1500	23/03/1921	1921	Carthay	Vera	female	13/03/1917	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for work	
1501	23/03/1921	1921	Faulkner	George	male	14/08/1917	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for work	
1502	34/08/1921	1921	Chapman	Albert	male	12/01/1913	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for work	
1503	15/08/1921	1921	Ward	Henry	male	12/01/1913	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for work	
1504	13/08/1921	1921	Isidor	Victor	male	13/01/1915	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	11 left for medical treatment	
1505	13/08/1921	1921	Jeffries	Iohn	male	21/08/1915	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	5 left the Parish	
1506	18/07/1921	1921	Forster	Emily	female	19/02/1911	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	18 left the Parish	
1507	12/09/1921	1921	Robins	Fredrick	male	05/09/1916	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	10 left for Rampton	
1508	13/09/1921	1921	Ba	Field	female	13/01/1918	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	13 transferred to Burford	
1509	18/09/1921	1921	Wenfield	Perim	male	28/01/1917	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	10 left for Burford	
1510	25/09/1921	1921	Bly	Pall	male	18/05/1917	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	8 left medical treatment	
1511	06/10/1921	1921	Mashwood	Vincent	male	14/04/1913	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	7 left for Rampton School (scholarship)	
1512	11/10/1921	1921	McCarthy	Tony	male	19/04/1916	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	3 left for Rampton School	
1513	14/05/1922	1922	Barber	George	male	16/05/1915	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	12 left for Rampton	
1514	24/03/1922	1922	Wheeler	Alexander	male	25/12/1917	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	13 transferred to Burford	
1515	01/03/1922	1922	Bader	Moly	female	25/04/1917	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 transferred to Burford	
1516	12/06/1922	1922	Lanchbury	Walter	male	10/08/1910	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	12 left for Chelbury	
1517	10/07/1922	1922	Irvyn	Joan	female	20/06/1916	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	10 left for Shilton	
1518	18/09/1922	1922	Dentwater	Reginald	male	02/11/1917	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	11 left at Whitley Grammar School (scholarship)	
1519	18/09/1922	1922	Archer	Arthur	male	23/01/1918	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	left the Parish	
1520	18/09/1922	1922	Tombs	Bernard	male	28/06/1917	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for work	
1521	02/10/1922	1922	12	East Basa	male	29/12/1919	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for work	
1522	13/09/1922	1922	13	Colins	male	11/01/1920	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for employment	
1523	10/10/1922	1922	4	Randall	male	14/07/1918	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for employment	
1524	16/09/1922	1922	8	Ruck	male	16/04/1914	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	11 left for Rampton School	
1525	14/10/1922	1922	4	Mobey	female	20/10/1917	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	5 left the Parish	
1526	31/10/1922	1922	8	Hone	Maleine	01/04/1914	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	6 left for Oxford	
1527	04/11/1922	1922	3	Portlock	male	14/07/1919	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	4 left for Oxford	
1528	26/02/1923	1923	6	Worley	female	27/03/1916	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	6 left Oxford	
1529	06/03/1923	1923	11	Savage	Doris	female	12/01/1912	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	11 left Oxford
1530	13/03/1923	1923	9	Smith	Jane	female	23/09/1913	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	14 left for work
1531	07/04/1923	1923	4	Symes	Thos Arthur	male	30/03/1918	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	4 left the Parish
1532	15/04/1923	1923	12	Edwards	Charles	male	26/07/1918	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	11 left the Parish
1533	06/06/1923	1923	4	Price	May	female	06/12/1915	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	7 transferred to Burford
1534	11/06/1923	1923	7	Rusco	Harold	male	25/06/1915	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	25/06/1923
1535	11/06/1923	1923	3	Rusco	Ella	female	06/12/1919	Brize Norton	Brize Norton	3 left Oxford

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1336	12/06/1923	1923	Brumfitter	23	male	15/01/1918	George	Brize Norton	23 left
1337	17/09/1923	1923	Eric	Eric	male	01/09/1917	Ethic	Caterham	5 left winter
1338	20/09/1923	1923	Moor	Eric	male	01/09/1917	Ethic	Brize Norton	6 left winter
1339	01/10/1923	1923	James	Eric	male	26/07/1918	Albert	Brize Norton	10 left for Whitley Grammar School (choir school)
1340	13/10/1923	1923	James	Eric	male	27/03/1914	John	Brize Norton	11 left for school
1341	13/10/1923	1923	James	Eric	male	27/03/1914	Albert	Brize Norton	11 left for school
1342	15/10/1923	1923	Vincent	Eric	male	08/05/1919	Vincent	Brize Norton	13 left for school
1343	15/10/1923	1923	Yvonne	Eric	female	12/05/1912	Eric	Brize Norton	7 left for Bradford
1344	15/10/1923	1923	Yvonne	Eric	female	12/05/1912	Eric	Brize Norton	15 left for school
1345	07/01/1924	1924	Baldwin	Eric	male	01/04/1913	Baldwin	Brize Norton	15 left for school
1346	17/01/1924	1924	Baldwin	Eric	male	01/04/1912	William	Brize Norton	16/12/1927
1347	17/03/1924	1924	Broughton	Eric	male	12/03/1914	William	Brize Norton	13 left for work
1348	20/04/1924	1924	Donald	Eric	male	14/08/1918	John	Brize Norton	14 left for work
1349	20/04/1924	1924	Donald	Eric	male	14/08/1918	William	Brize Norton	8 left for work
1350	20/04/1924	1924	Edwin	Edwin	male	22/05/1919	William	Brize Norton	11 left for school
1351	20/04/1924	1924	Edwin	Edwin	male	06/01/1921	Richard	Brize Norton	12 transferred to school
1352	20/04/1924	1924	Edwin	Edwin	male	04/04/1920	Albert	Brize Norton	10 left for school
1353	20/04/1924	1924	Edwin	Edwin	male	04/04/1920	Albert	Brize Norton	4 left for school
1354	23/06/1924	1924	Edwin	Edwin	male	04/05/1921	Albert	Brize Norton	4 left for school
1355	23/06/1924	1924	Edwin	Edwin	male	22/03/1921	Albert	Brize Norton	4 left for school
1356	22/09/1924	1924	Edward	Edward	male	12/12/1919	Thomas	Brize Norton	11 left for school
1357	22/09/1924	1924	Stanley	Stanley	male	06/12/1911	George	Brize Norton	12 left for school
1358	22/09/1924	1924	Stanley	Stanley	male	06/12/1911	J.A.	Brize Norton	12 end of war
1359	26/04/1925	1925	Foot	Raymond	male	23/01/1915	John	Kitchen	1 left for the Pasha
1360	04/05/1925	1925	Gillies	Charles	male	26/04/1920	John	Brize Norton	11 left for the Pasha's school
1361	08/06/1925	1925	Gillies	Charles	male	18/09/1920	John	Brize Norton	1 left for the Pasha
1362	13/07/1925	1925	Hargreaves	Elton	male	19/05/1920	Eric	Brize Norton	1 transferred to school
1363	13/07/1925	1925	Hargreaves	Elton	male	28/04/1919	Elmer	Brize Norton	7 left for school
1364	13/07/1925	1925	Hargreaves	Elton	male	28/04/1919	Elmer	Brize Norton	7 left for school
1365	13/07/1925	1925	Hargreaves	Elton	male	15/02/1921	Elmer	Brize Norton	7 left for school
1366	13/07/1925	1925	Hargreaves	Elton	male	15/02/1921	Elmer	Brize Norton	7 left for school
1367	07/08/1925	1925	Hargreaves	Elton	male	16/09/1921	Albert	Brize Norton	11 transferred to school
1368	07/08/1925	1925	Robins	Charles	male	31/07/1920	Fredrick	Brize Norton	6 left for school
1369	21/08/1925	1925	Durrant	Charles	male	21/01/1914	Albert	Durrant	13 left for Australia
1370	21/08/1925	1925	Durrant	Charles	male	22/02/1922	Albert	Brize Norton	6 left for Bradford
1371	21/08/1925	1925	Hunt	Eric	male	01/10/1920	Stanley	Brize Norton	11 left for school
1372	21/08/1925	1925	Hunt	Eric	male	09/09/1920	John	Brize Norton	9 left for Bradford
1373	21/08/1925	1925	Harts	Nancy	female	15/05/1921	George	Brize Norton	27/03/1930
1374	21/08/1925	1925	Harts	Nancy	female	25/11/1914	Albert	Brize Norton	13 left for work
1375	21/08/1925	1925	Hedges	Albert	male	25/11/1914	Albert	Brize Norton	13 left for work
1376	21/08/1925	1925	Hedges	Albert	male	25/11/1914	Albert	Brize Norton	13 left for work
1377	21/08/1925	1925	Humphrey	Albert	male	04/07/1920	Stanley	Brize Norton	11 left for school
1378	12/04/1926	1926	Smith	Henry	male	02/01/1915	Henry	Humphrey	4 left for Whitley Grammar School
1379	12/04/1926	1926	Sollie	Henry	male	10/06/1920	Henry	Humphrey	7 left for school
1380	12/04/1926	1926	Faulkner	Charles	male	10/07/1922	Frank	Humphrey	23/12/1926
1381	12/04/1926	1926	Faulkner	Charles	male	23/03/1921	Henry	Humphrey	10/04/1927
				Patricia	female				9 left for London
									13/02/1931

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Ad no	date admitted	admission/nurse	first surname	christian name	date of birth	parent	date admitted	admission/nurse	first surname	christian name	date of birth	parent
1628	15/04/1928		Barber	Arthur	02/09/1913	John	11	for school	Barnard	Barney	02/09/1934	John
1629	23/04/1928		Barber	Dorothy	18/08/1918	John	4	left for school	Barnard	Barney	27/06/1935	John
1630	15/05/1928		Barber	Elsie	06/09/1915	John	11	transferred to Burford	Barnard	Barney	27/06/1935	John
1631	21/05/1928		Barber	Elsie	06/09/1915	John	11	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	23/11/1931	John
1632	05/06/1928		Barber	Fredrick	01/10/1914	Joseph	10	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	22/07/1932	John
1633	09/07/1928		Barber	Irene	01/10/1914	Joseph	11	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	01/08/1934	John
1634	11/09/1928		Barber	Jane	24/08/1914	James	9	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	03/08/1934	John
1635	11/09/1928		Barber	Joseph	29/11/1912	Hector	11	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	03/08/1934	John
1636	11/09/1928		Barber	Katherine	01/01/1914	Hector	11	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	03/08/1934	John
1637	11/09/1928		Barber	Lillian	01/01/1914	Hector	11	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	03/08/1934	John
1638	11/09/1928		Barber	Mary	06/08/1915	Hector	11	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	03/08/1934	John
1639	08/10/1928		Barber	Maude	06/08/1915	Hector	11	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	03/08/1934	John
1640	15/10/1928		Barber	Margaret	04/03/1914	Henry	8	left for Hayley	Barnard	Barney	05/07/1930	John
1641	15/10/1928		Barber	Mildred	14/10/1912	Albert	7	left for Hayley	Barnard	Barney	27/03/1929	John
1642	15/10/1928		Barber	Volet	03/09/1917	Albert	7	left for Hayley	Barnard	Barney	18/10/1929	John
1643	15/10/1928		Barber	Edith	03/04/1916	Albert	12	left for Chipfield	Barnard	Barney	18/10/1929	John
1644	22/01/1929		Barber	George	02/11/1915	Albert	13	left for work	Barnard	Barney	21/12/1928	John
1645	13/02/1929		Barber	Doris	18/08/1914	Albert	10	transferred to Burford	Barnard	Barney	01/08/1935	John
1646	13/02/1929		Barber	Elsie	08/01/1915	Albert	11	left for work	Barnard	Barney	01/08/1935	John
1647	08/11/1929		Barber	Elspeth	15/03/1921	Albert	9	left for work	Barnard	Barney	21/11/1929	John
1648	12/11/1929		Barber	Gladys	04/03/1924	Albert	7	child of late	Barnard	Barney	21/11/1929	John
1649	07/01/1929		Barber	Kathleen	30/03/1918	Henry	6	left for Wimpy	Barnard	Barney	27/07/1930	John
1650	14/02/1929		Barber	Mary	30/03/1918	Henry	11	left the district	Barnard	Barney	16/05/1929	John
1651	11/02/1929		Barber	Beatrix	01/10/1910	John	12	left the Path	Barnard	Barney	18/07/1929	John
1652	18/02/1929		Barber	Hunt	01/02/1920	Stanley	12	left the Path	Barnard	Barney	18/07/1929	John
1653	18/02/1929		Barber	James	01/02/1923	Charles	13	left the Path	Barnard	Barney	18/07/1929	John
1654	18/02/1929		Barber	John	01/02/1923	Charles	13	left the Path	Barnard	Barney	18/07/1929	John
1655	15/04/1929		Barber	John	25/06/1915	Albert	8	left the Path	Barnard	Barney	31/07/1936	John
1656	27/05/1929		Barber	John	08/01/1919	Albert	9	left the Path	Barnard	Barney	17/07/1936	John
1657	27/05/1929		Barber	John	23/09/1923	Albert	9	left for Cawdon	Barnard	Barney	05/07/1939	John
1658	27/05/1929		Barber	John	02/05/1924	Albert	7	left for Cawdon	Barnard	Barney	19/07/1939	John
1659	27/05/1929		Barber	John	30/09/1924	Albert	4	left until 5 year old	Barnard	Barney	05/07/1939	John
1660	27/05/1929		Barber	John	30/09/1924	Albert	4	end of wkt	Barnard	Barney	21/07/1936	John
1661	27/05/1929		Barber	John	21/07/1934	Albert	10	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	27/07/1936	John
1662	09/09/1929		Barber	John	03/07/1934	Albert	3	left the Path	Barnard	Barney	02/08/1935	John
1663	09/09/1929		Barber	John	02/04/1932	Albert	11	left the Path	Barnard	Barney	27/07/1936	John
1664	09/09/1929		Barber	John	30/09/1934	Albert	6	left the Path	Barnard	Barney	01/08/1935	John
1665	18/09/1929		Barber	John	07/02/1934	Albert	10	transferred to Burford	Barnard	Barney	29/11/1939	John
1666	30/09/1929		Barber	John	23/06/1931	Albert	11	transferred to Burford	Barnard	Barney	01/08/1935	John
1667	14/10/1929		Barber	John	21/08/1936	Albert	12	left the Path	Barnard	Barney	01/08/1935	John
1668	14/10/1929		Barber	John	02/10/1939	Albert	10	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	01/08/1935	John
1669	28/10/1929		Barber	John	03/07/1934	Albert	11	left the Path	Barnard	Barney	01/08/1935	John
1671	28/10/1929		Barber	John	03/07/1934	Albert	15	left for work	Barnard	Barney	01/04/1931	John
1672	28/10/1929		Barber	John	26/09/1935	Albert	10	transferred to Burford	Barnard	Barney	31/07/1936	John
1673	28/10/1929		Barber	John	12/07/1939	Albert	11	transferred to Barnham	Barnard	Barney	03/09/1934	John

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Appendix 2 - 1928 List of Residents

The list of 1928 residents of Brize Norton is given below. This list was amongst memorabilia held by Mrs Joy Douglas (formerly Mrs Joy Bull) nee Pinniger. The origin is not entirely clear but there were hand annotations with the names of residents and some personalised annotations and remarks about houses that had been demolished.

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Ref	Add 1	Add 2	Surname	Notes
1	left hand side from Brampton	Marsh Haddon Farm Farmer	Hobkiss	James and wife
2		2 farm cottages	Temple	and wife
3		2 farm cottages	Dyer	and wife
4		Upper Haddon Farm	Pratt	and wife
5				
6		Upper Haddon Farm Cottages	Timms	Leonard and son Bill and wife
7		Sunhill Cottage	Luckett	Mrs Fred and wife
8		Upper Haddon Cottage	Upstone	Mrs Baylis and wife
9		Cottage	Bailes	married - Mrs Timms?
10		Carpenters Arms pub	Knight	Mrs Christobel - Timms's parents
11		Cottage - Yew Tree	Norrey	empty at time 1928)
12		Paradise Cottage		
13		Cottage	Kinchin	W and wife
14		3 cottages	Peachey	Ernest and wife
15		3 cottages	Broadaway	and wife
16		3 cottages	Walford	and wife
17		cottage	Kinchin	T and wife
18		3 cottages	J	and wife
19		3 cottages	Forrester	and wife
20		3 cottages	James	Charles and wife
21		cottage	Ayles	Emily Frank's mother - demolished
22		Blacksmiths shop & cottage		demolished
23				
24		2 cottages	Timms	Alfred and wife
25		2 cottages	Faulkner	Fred and wife
26		Yew Tree Farmhouse	Smith	Albert and wife
27		cottage	Icott	Given Lohman grandparents
28		cottage	Kinchin	Dick demolished
29		2 cottages	Bye	3 brothers
30		2 cottages	Faulkner	
31		cottage & barn	Packer	Mrs John and wife
32		2 cottages	Taylor	Taylor undertaker - wheelwright & carpenter
33		2 cottages	Cambray	Mark and wife
34		3 cottages	Timms	J and wife
35		5 cottages	Mills	and wife
37		5 cottages	Phipps	and wife

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Ref	Add 1	Add 2	Surname	Notes
38		5 cottages	Archer	and wife
39		5 cottages	Timms	and wife
40		thatched cottage - elder bank	Seacole	demolished
41		2 cottages	Mills	and wife
42		2 cottages	Preston	demolished
43		school	Jones	and daughter headmaster
44		stone cottage	Mills	
45		rose cottage	Luckett	
46		thatched cottage	Hughes	
47	right hand side from Brampton	Bye Cottage	Bye	and wife
48		Thatcher's Cottage	Albert	churchwarden
49		Coles		
50		2 cottages	Broughton	
51		2 cottages	Timms	
52		3 cottages	Abbott	
53		3 cottages	Bustyn	
54		3 cottages	Preston	
55		2 cottages	Faulkner	
56		2 cottages	Archer	
57		wheelwright shop	Lillett	
58		Chestnutts (and shop)	Worley O	
59		Chestnutts (and shop)	Hardocks	
60		2 cottages	Archer	
61		2 cottages	Fields	
62		5 cottages	Coghins	
63		5 cottages	Mills	now demolished
64		5 cottages	Parker	
65		5 cottages	Sullivan	
66		5 cottages	Timms	
67		Bognor Terrace	Rouse	
68		Bognor Terrace	Mills	
69		Bognor Terrace	Print	
70		cottage	Upstone	
71		cottage	Hall	mother of Jimmy Upstone
72		Chichester House	Brookson	
73		Chequers pub	Barnes	and son Charles
		Lardner	Pearce	and wife
			Mrs	

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Ref	Add1	Surname	Townsend	and wife	Notes
74	Squires Farm	Bellinger	George	and wife	demolished
75	Victory Hut	Harris	Fred	and wife	Demolished
76	Cottage	Mills (Miles)	Mrs	and wife	and wife
77	3 cottages	Wheeler	Miss	and wife	aunt and niece
78	3 cottages	Barnes	Mrs	and wife	grocery & drapery
79	Cottage	Faulkner	Mrs	and wife	and wife
80	The Shop	Winfield	Miss	and wife	and wife
81	3 cottages	Fields	Miss	and Miss Hopkins	
82	3 cottages	Worley	Mrs	and Miss Hopkins	
83	3 cottages	Maples	Mr	and wife	
84	House	Castle	Mr	and Miss Castle	
85	Post Office	Les.	Mrs and miss Iles	Charles	
86	The Manor	Bellinger	Mr	and wife	
87	2 thatched cottages	Horton	Mr	and wife	
88	2 thatched cottages	Hedges	Mrs	and wife	
89	2 thatched cottages	Savary	Mr	and wife	
90	2 thatched cottages	Prior	Mrs	and wife	
91	2 thatched cottages	Scolls	Mr	and wife	
92	2 thatched cottages	Mills	Mr	and wife	
93	2 thatched cottages	Timms	Mr	and wife	
94	6 council cottages	Winfield	Mr	and wife	
95	6 council cottages	Fields	Mr	and wife	
96	6 council cottages	Sturges	Mr	and wife	
97	6 council cottages	Butler	Rev	and wife	
98	Carterton Road as from Church	King	Misses	and wife	
99	Farmhouse	Barnes	Mr	and wife	
100	The Vicarage	Eden	Mr	and wife	
101	Carterton Road opposite site of road	Homestead Farm	Misses	and wife	
102	Poplar House	Barnes	Mr	and wife	
103	Cottage	Barnes	Mr	and wife	
104	Bathouse	Faulkner	Mr	and wife	
105	4 cottages	Drinkwater	Mr	and wife	
106	4 cottages	Hunt	Mr	and wife	
107	4 cottages	Unknown	Mr	and wife	
108	4 cottages	Haydock	Mr	and wife	
109	The Rockery	The Rockery	Mr	and wife	

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Ref	Add 1	Add 2	Surname	Notes
110	Chapel Corner	The Cottage	Wood	and wife
111		4 cottages	Archer	and wife
112		4 cottages	Harris	Mrs
113		4 cottages	Maycock	and wife
114		4 cottages	Trinson	Mr
115	Farm Buildings of Grange Farm	Grange Fair, House	Burth	and wife
116	cottage	Ryloott	Mrs	
117		Upstone	Mrs	
118	Mason's Arms Pub	Hardy	T	
119		Clutterbuck		
120	2 cottages	Drinkwater		
121	2 cottages	Robins		
122	house	Drinkwater		
123		Bellinger	Tom	
124	3 cottages	Faulkner	Mrs	
125	3 cottages	Fowler		
126	Kampsford House	Smith		
127	Acacia House	Knight	Miss	
128	House	Bellinger		
129	The Malt House	Giffion	Miss	
130	4 cottages	Timms	Tom	
131	4 cottages	Bellinger	Mrs	
132	4 cottages	Watson		
133	4 cottages	Drinkwater		
134	cottage	Timms		
135	Glebe Cottage	?		
136	Glebe Farm	Winfeld		
137	2 cottages - Lingemans	Garrett		
138	2 cottages - Lingemans	James		
139	Lodgehouse cottage	K H & C		down farm lane
140	Bunglow	James		
141	Kilkenny House	Yates		
142	2 farm cottages	Solis		
143	Grove Farm	Bidger		
144	2 cottages	W E Gains		
145	Astrop Farm	Joryton (Joinin)		

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Notes
after 1928

and wife

Surname
Golding

Add 1
2 cottages

Add 2
2 cottages

Ref
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9 Timms families
7 Faulkner families
5 Bollinger families

Appendix 3 - The 1939 Register

Here is the full 1939 Register. As explained there is some duplication because the village was "worked" by more than one enumerator. Because of the 100 year rule some names were excluded - labelled as "closed" in the online register. See Chapter 4 for more information and analysis.

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surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	marital status	occupation	address	age in 1939	age in 1945
Archer	Albert S	male	15/07/1913	single	general labourer - MOD	Chapel Hill (54)	26	31
Archer	Amelia J	female	26/8/1887	married	unpaid domestic duties	Chapel Hill (54)	52	57
Archer	Bertram J	male	14/10/1881	married	sewage attendant RAF	Chapel Hill (54)	57	62
Archer	Ellen	female	11/2/1885	single	invalid	Brize Norton (34)	64	69
Archer	Ellen	female	12/7/1878	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Field View Brize Norton	61	66
Archer	Ernest	male	31/08/1907	single	horseman on farm	Field View Brize Norton	32	37
Archer	Frederick J	male	15/05/1906	married	public works cont. labourer	Burford Road	33	38
Archer	Jemima S	female	6/3/1875	single	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (36)	64	69
Archer	Kathleen	female	27/12/1914	married	unpaid domestic duties	Burford Road	24	29
Ayers	Brian E	male	05/12/1935	single	under age	Council House (47)	3	8
Ayers	Doris Evelyn	female	16/04/1909	married	unpaid domestic duties	Council House (47)	30	35
Ayers	George H	male	15/04/1910	single	general labourer (gardening)	Council House (47)	29	34
Ayers	Emily	female	9/6/1879	widow	chawwoman	Brize Norton (35)	60	65
Ayers	Frank	male	03/09/1914	single	under gardner	Brize Norton (35)	24	29
Badger	Edward A	male	25/04/1917	single	assisting father	Grove Farm	22	27
Badger	Emma L	female	10/3/1873	married	unpaid domestic duties	Grove Farm	66	71
Badger	William	male	28/11/1877	married	farmer master	Grove Farm	61	66
Badger (Price)	Phyllis H	female	05/07/1914	single	incapacitated	Grove Farm	25	30
Baldock	Annie	female	25/04/1913	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (105)	26	31
Baldock	Annie	female	25/04/1913	married	unpaid domestic duties	Marsh Haddon	26	31
Baldock	Wilfred	male	14/07/1907	married	clerk air service assistant	Brize Norton (105)	32	37
Baldock	Wilfred	male	14/07/1907	married	clerk air service	Marsh Haddon	32	37
Barker	Elizabeth	female	23/10/1863	single	housekeeper unpaid	Brize Norton (21)	75	80
Barker	Samuel	male	16/10/1879	married	barman RAF	Brize Norton (21)	59	64
Barnes	Edith	female	20/11/1904	married	manager sales - women's ...	The Stores, Brize Norton (59)	34	39
Barnes	Elizabeth A	female	04/01/1905	married	unpaid domestic duties	Chichester House, Brize Norton	34	39
Barnes	George	male	02/04/1901	married	master baker	Chichester House, Brize Norton	38	43
Barnes	Gordon J	male	19/03/1904	married	manager general stores	The Stores, Brize Norton (59)	35	40

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surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	marital status	occupation	address	age in 1939	age in 1945
Barnes	Lidia	female	23/5/1883	widow	bookkeeper	The Poplars	56	61
Ellenger	John	male	13/05/1928	single	at school	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	11	16
Ellenger	Agnes	female	29/7/1887	married	unpaid domestic duties	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	52	57
Ellenger	Agnes L.	female	29/07/1898	married	unpaid domestic duties	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	50	55
Ellenger	Alice	female	29/8/1874	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (45)	65	70
Ellenger	Annie E M	female	5/5/1892	married	unpaid domestic duties	Burford Road	47	52
Ellenger	Arthur	male	09/05/1923	single	farm labourer	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	16	21
Ellenger	Arthur	male	11/11/1884	single	market gardener - labourer	Elder Bank, Bampton Road	54	59
Ellenger	Arthur W	male	09/05/1923	single	general labourer	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	16	21
Ellenger	Charles E	male	09/06/1909	single	storeman RAF	Brize Norton (45)	30	35
Ellenger	George E	male	22/3/1882	married	groundsmen's assistant	Elder Bank, Bampton Road	47	52
Ellenger	Linda	female	18/07/1907	married	unpaid domestic duties	Elder Bank, Bampton Road	32	37
Ellenger	Lucy A	female	10/6/1859	widow	incapitated	Brize Norton (20)	80	85
Ellenger	Percy J	male	19/5/1883	single	farm labourer	Brize Norton (20)	56	61
Ellenger	Thomas	male	12/6/1884	married	shepherd on farm	Burford Road	55	60
Ellenger	William	male	1/10/1887	married	farm shepherd	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	51	56
Ellenger	William	male	1/10/1887	married	farm shepherd	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	51	56
Ellenger	John	male	13/05/1928	single	at school	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	11	16
Eishop	Noah	male	01/04/1862	widow	retired farm worker	The Lodge Kilkenny, Brize Norton	76	81
Elake	Stella V	female	15/02/1922	single	blanket factory worker	Burford Road	17	22
Elawles	Aikice Doreen	female	01/06/1919	single	paid domestic	The Chequers Pub.	20	25
Brewster	Charles	male	9/6/1892	married	fitter RAF (No 6 MU)	Bampton Road (97) Carpenters Arm	47	52
Errell	Charles	male	05/06/1915	married	under cowman - heavy work	Astrop Cottages	24	29
Errell	Charles J	male	05/06/1915	married	under cowman - heavy work	Brize Norton (51)	24	29
Errell	Mabel W	female	06/09/1919	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (51)	19	24
Errell	Mabel W	female	06/09/1919	married	unpaid domestic duties	Astrop Cottages	19	24
Broadway	Catherine	female	5/12/1887	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (95)	51	56
Brookes	Elise	female	12/02/1914	single	domestic worker	Bunglow Brize Norton (26)	25	30

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surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	marital status	occupation	age in 1939	age in 1945
						address	address
Broughton	Cecil	male	07/06/1910	married	aircraft engineer	29	34
Broughton	T	female	21/05/1911	married	Post Office, Brize Norton	27	32
Butler	Alice	female	1/6/1883	married	Post Office, Brize Norton	69	74
Butler	Frederick W	male	23/10/1875	married	The Vicarage	55	60
Bye	Ada	female	3/3/1876	married	Brize Norton (81)	63	68
Bye	Agnes	female	10/6/1891	married	Brize Norton (28)	48	53
Bye	Albert	male	14/7/1887	married	Bungaw Brize Norton (28)	72	77
Bye	John	male	01/04/1921	single	Bungaw Brize Norton (28)	18	23
Bye	Paul	male	15/10/1917	single	Bungaw Brize Norton (28)	21	26
Bye	Tom	male	16/5/1864	married	Brize Norton (81)	75	80
Cambray	Edward F	male	13/05/1925	single	Brize Norton (77)	13	18
Cambray	Ethel L	female	6/5/1894	married	Brize Norton (77)	45	50
Cambray	Frank	male	11/11/1893	married	Brize Norton (77)	45	50
Cambray	Mary	female	28/04/1927	single	Brize Norton (77)	12	17
Cambray	Thomas	male	27/6/1854	widow	Brize Norton (77)	85	90
Catchpole	Violet E	female	21/04/1920	single	Brize Norton (19)	19	24
Champion de ...	Champion de ...	female			?Elmwood Brize Norton (29)	39	44
Chepper	Hugh	male	09/04/1897	married	Air commodore RAF	42	47
Cogains	Annie	female	10/05/1872	widow	old age pensioner	67	72
Cogains	Eunice	female	6/6/1889	married	unpaid domestic duties	50	55
Cogains	William H	male	14/2/1885	widow	stoker air ministry	54	59
Coklin	Hugh	male	13/1/1889	single	air ministry labourer	50	55
Coklin	Charles	male	9/12/1892	married	counman	46	51
Cook	Charles	male	9/12/1892	married	cowman	46	51
Cook	Ethel	female	23/7/1890	married	unpaid domestic duties	49	54
Cook	Ronald	female	28/7/1890	married	unpaid domestic duties	49	54
Cook	Ronald	male	27/05/1925	single	seeking work - not permanent	14	19
Cook	Ronald	male	27/06/1925	single	seeking work not previously emppld	14	19

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surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	marital status	occupation	age in 1939	age in 1945
Coombs	Albert	male	23/07/1891	single	at school	8	13
Coombs	Emily	female	15/10/1893	married	unpaid domestic duties	45	50
Coombs	William	male	24/2/1892	married	labourer air ministry	47	52
Courtney	Elizabeth	female	26/7/1899	married	unpaid domestic duties	40	45
Courtney	Frederick	male	02/04/1902	married	air ministry police warden	37	42
Drinkwater	Arthur	male	27/2/1871	married	gardener	68	73
Drinkwater	Charles	male	04/11/1822	married	junior wages clerk	16	21
Drinkwater	Edward	male	06/02/1820	single	general labourer	19	24
Drinkwater	Eva M	female	22/12/1898	married	unpaid domestic duties	40	45
Drinkwater	Florence	female	4/6/1892	married	unpaid domestic duties	47	52
Drinkwater	Frederick C R	male	16/5/1895	married	general road foreman	40	45
Drinkwater	Harvey	male	10/07/1822	single	garage mechanic	17	22
Drinkwater	Phoebe	female	18/7/1878	widow	unpaid domestic duties	61	66
Drinkwater	Verena	female	22/12/1869	married	unpaid domestic duties	69	74
Dunthorne	Ruth	female	13/06/1913	single	teacher in secondary school	26	31
Dyer	William	male	9/12/1890	married	cowman	48	53
Dyer	William	male	9/12/1890	married	cowman	48	53
Dyer	William C	male	17/11/1924	single	farm labourer	14	19
Dyer	William C	male	17/11/1924	single	farm labourer	14	19
Faulkner	Albert E	male	12/7/1883	married	farm labourer	56	61
Faulkner	Anne	female	13/10/1900	married	unpaid domestic duties	38	43
Faulkner	Anne	female	8/12/1882	married	unpaid domestic duties	56	61
Faulkner	Daniel	male	28/6/1888	married	labourer MOT	51	56
Faulkner	Eliza	female	12/4/1849	widow	old age pensioner	90	95
Faulkner	Ellen B	female	10/12/1872	married	unpaid domestic duties	55	60
Faulkner	Eric	male	10/08/1914	single	carpenter	25	30
Faulkner	Eric	male	19/08/1914	single	carpenter	25	30
Faulkner	Ernest	male	24/05/1904	married	car chassis inspector - Morris Motor Brize Norton (41)	35	40

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Faulkner	Frederick	male	13/2/1867	married	farm labourer	Bampton Road (85)	72	77
Faulkner	Frederick J	male	21/2/1924	single	grocer's assistant	Chapel Hill (52)	15	20
Faulkner	Joseph	male	7/12/1869	widow	farm labourer	Manor Cottages (55)	69	74
Faulkner	Joseph W	male	04/05/1900	married	coal/merchant labourer	heavy work Chapel Hill (52)	39	44
Faulkner	Peter	male	19/11/1931	single	at school	Brize Norton (41)	7	12
Faulkner	William	male	3/9/1874	widow	general labourer	Burford Road (107)	64	69
Faulkner	William	male	3/9/1874	widow	general labourer, retired	March Haddon	64	69
Faulkner	Winfred	female	25/08/1905	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (41)	34	39
Field	Caleb	male	5/8/1866	married	agricultural labourer	Brize Norton (2)	73	78
Field	Frederick	male	?	?	?	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Field	Frederick	male	10/5/1869	married	farm carrier retired	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	70	75
Field	Lucy A	female	8/11/1874	married	unpaid domestic duties	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	64	69
Field	Lucy A	female	8/11/1874	married	unpaid domestic duties	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	64	69
Field	Mary A	female	14/4/1970	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (2)	69	74
Fickett	Ada E	female	26/08/1900	single	domestic servant	Burford Road (5)	39	44
Fickett	Barbara E	female	02/02/1927	single	at school	Brize Norton (94)	12	17
Fickett	George W	male	27/12/1908	single	farm carrier	Globe Farm	30	35
Fickett	M E	female	1/11/1888	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Globe Farm	50	55
Foster	Elizabeth	female	9/1/1854	single	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (89)	85	90
Fowler	Edward	male	12/9/1870	married	farm carrier	Burford Road	68	73
Fowler	Frederick J	male	31/03/1902	single	farm carrier & tractor driver	Burford Road	37	42
Fowler	Sarah	female	28/4/1869	married	unpaid domestic duties	Burford Road	70	75
Fry	Doris	female	01/10/1918	single	house maid	Kempford House, Brize Norton	20	25
Garratt	Charles	male	19/03/1902	married	threshing machine	Lingernhams, Brize Norton	37	42
Garratt	Edward C W	male	07/07/1935	single	under school age	Lingernhams, Brize Norton	4	9
Garratt	Ella	female	28/02/1908	married	unpaid domestic duties	Lingernhams, Brize Norton	31	36
Garratt	William	male	6/12/1860	widow	incapacitated	Lingernhams, Brize Norton	78	83
Giles	Annie K	female	2/1/1889	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (18)	50	55

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Giles	Anthony M	male	09/08/1933	single	at school	Brize Norton (18)	6	11
Giles	Betty E	female	19/12/1912	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (18)	26	31
Giles	Frederick C R	male	2/5/1900	married	fish and fruit dealer	Brize Norton (18)	49	54
Giles	Gordon A	male	29/11/1923	single	salesman	Brize Norton (18)	15	20
Giles	Love I F	male	28/09/1920	single	salesman	Brize Norton (18)	18	23
Gould	Phyllis	female	11/01/1920	single	paid domestic	The Stores, Brize Norton (39)	19	24
Green	Edgar M	male	15/9/1896	married	clerk air service	Bampton Road (99)	42	47
Hall	Elizabeth A	female	24/09/1913	married	unpaid domestic duties	Manor Cottages (55)	25	30
Hall	Maurice	male	11/07/1912	married	wool spinner	Manor Cottages (55)	27	32
Hardy	Ellen	female	23/9/1875	single	licensee & baker & grocer	Burford Road	63	68
Hardy	Gracie	female	14/9/1888	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Burford Road	50	55
Hawkins	Mabel	female	11/12/1928	single	at school	Brize Norton (29)	10	15
Henry	Anne R	female	7/10/1879	married	unpaid domestic duties	Kilkenny Farm, Brize Norton	59	64
Henry	Courtney	male	3/2/1993	married	arable farmer	Kilkenny Farm, Brize Norton	46	51
Hogarth	Muriel L M	female	09/03/1913	single	domestic servant	Yew Tree House	26	31
Holloway	Dorothy	female	25/09/1933	single	at school	The Laurels, Brize Norton	5	10
Hoskins	Ida Else	female	5/11/1888	married	unpaid domestic duties	Marsh Haddon	50	55
Hoskins	James	male	2/7/1878	married	farmer	Marsh Haddon	51	56
Hughes	Percy	male	2/4/1876	married	commercial traveller	The Cottage (65)	63	68
Hughes	Percy	male	2/4/1876	married	commercial traveller	The Cottage	63	68
Hunt	Albert W	male	21/11/1903	married	farm labourer	Brize Norton (46)	35	40
Hunt	John G	male	8/5/1896	single	steam engine driver threshing machine	Manor Cottages (57)	43	48
Hunt	Norah E	female	02/11/1904	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (46)	34	39
Icherken	Louise	female	22/11/1851	widow	private means	Bunglow Brize Norton (28)	87	92
Icherken	Sarah C	female	17/12/1889	married	unpaid domestic duties	Bunglow Brize Norton (28)	49	54
Iles	Edith Rose	female	20/10/1891	single	upholstress and needlewoman	Burford Road (108)	47	52
Iles	Rose	female	20/10/1891	single	upholstress and needlewoman	Marsh Haddon	47	52
Iott	Francis	male	28/6/1877	widow	carpenter	Brize Norton (83)	62	67

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James	Jane	female	13/04/1906	married	unpaid domestic duties	The Laurels, Brize Norton	33	38
James	James	male	28/02/1902	married	chauffeur & gardener	The Laurels, Brize Norton	37	42
Jameson	Raymond	male	11/04/1910	married	aircraft fitter	The Chequers Pub.	29	34
Johnson	William	male	25/12/1876	married	horseman on farm	Kilkenny Cottages	62	67
Jones	Alice	female	24/5/1877	married	unpaid domestic duties	The Lodge, Kilkenny, Brize Norton	62	67
Jones	Duke	female	16/06/1906	single	laundry hand	The Lodge, Kilkenny, Brize Norton	33	38
Jones	John	male	8/9/1878	married	carpenter	The Lodge, Kilkenny, Brize Norton	60	65
Joyce	Mary E	female	16/9/1893	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road (9)	45	50
Keen	Edwin	male	26/8/1898	married	cowman - heavy work	Astrop Cottages	40	45
Keen	Emma	female	1/10/1899	married	unpaid domestic duties	Astrop Cottages	56	61
Keen	Stephen	male	6/9/1862	widow	retired farm worker	Astrop Cottages	76	81
Kenlock	Arthur	male	24/08/1903	married	agricultural farmer	Astrop Farm, Brize Norton	36	41
Kenlock	Winifred	female	10/06/1900	married	unpaid domestic duties	Astrop Farm, Brize Norton	39	44
Kinchin	Alan D	male	20/03/1928	single	at school	Brize Norton (93)	11	16
Kinchin	John	male	16/7/1899	married	stoker & machinist	4 Bognor Terrace, Brize Norton	40	45
Kinchin	Lillian	female	20/9/1898	married	unpaid domestic duties	4 Bognor Terrace, Brize Norton	40	45
Kinchin	Rosa H	female	21/2/1871	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (93)	68	73
Kinchin	Edward	male	14/2/1864	single	farm worker retired	Brize Norton (82)	75	80
Kinchin	James	male	14/8/1870	single	farm worker retired	Brize Norton (82)	69	74
Kinchin	Stephen R	male	24/7/1867	single	farm worker retired	Brize Norton (82)	72	77
King	Vera	female	11/02/1930	single	at school	Grange Farm, Brize Norton	9	14
Knight	Gertrude	female	13/11/1880	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (96)	58	63
Knight	Gordon M	male	21/05/1932	single	at school	Brize Norton (96)	7	12
Knight	William G	male	17/7/1876	married	chauffeur & gardener	Brize Norton (96)	63	68
Lake	Louise E	female	30/09/1924	single	blanket factory worker	Burford Road	14	19
Laramer	Rose	female	28/6/1881	widow	licensee	The Chequers Pub.	58	63
Lauff	Mary A	female	10/2/?	widow	private means	Burgalow Brize Norton (28)	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Lewis	Betty	female	10/10/1929	single	at school	Brize Norton (19)	9	14

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Lohmann	Givereith	female	10/06/1907	single	unpaid domestic duties	Westway, Brize Norton	32	37
Lohmann	Isobel	female	3/3/1882	widow	domestic duties	Westway, Brize Norton	57	62
Lohmann	Richard	male	13/07/1912	single	poultry worker	Westway, Brize Norton	27	32
Lomas	Edward J P	male	23/02/1908	married	farm carer	Manor Cottages (56)	31	36
Lomas	Olive G	female	08/08/1912	married	unpaid domestic duties	Manor Cottages (56)	27	32
Long	Frank	male	3/1/1882	widow	blacksmith heavy work	Brize Norton (90)	57	62
Long	Gordon F	male	15/05/1922	single	masons labourer	Stonelands	17	22
Long	Long	male	15/05/1922	single	masons labourer	Stonelands	17	22
Long	Mary	female	3/9/1887	married	unpaid domestic duties	Stonelands	51	56
Long	Mary E	female	3/10/1887	married	unpaid domestic duties	Stonelands	51	56
Long	William	male	16/7/1886	married	small holder	Stonelands	53	58
Long	William A	male	16/7/1886	married	small holder	Stonelands	53	58
Lucket	Flora	female	18/12/1871	widow	caretaker school	The cottage (66)	67	72
Lucket	Flora	female	18/12/1871	widow	caretaker school	The cottage (66)	67	72
Lucket	William	male	26/10/1882	single	general labourer	Brize Norton (16)	56	61
MacInnes	Eunice M	female	22/04/1910	single	shop assistant	Manor Farm Cottages (58)	29	34
Matthews	Harry	male	21/04/1906	married	farm tractor lorry driver	Manor Farm Cottages (59)	33	38
Matthews	Rose	female	18/11/1905	single	cook	Kempsford House, Brize Norton	33	38
Matthews (Pace Wimfield Ruby)	Ruby	female	17/07/1929	single	at school	Manor Farm Cottages (59)	10	15
Matthews (Tim Olive Eliza)	Eliza	female	12/05/1909	married	unpaid domestic duties	Manor Farm Cottages (59)	30	35
Miles	Elizabeth A	female	20/5/1880	married	unpaid domestic duties	Manor Farm Cottages (58)	59	64
Miles	Elizabeth M	female	13/12/1908	married	unpaid domestic duties	Manor Farm Cottages (58)	30	35
Miles	Ellen	female	16/10/1965	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (7)	73	78
Miles	Ernest	male	02/11/1915	married	builders labourer	Manor Cottages (57)	23	28
Miles	George	male	31/1/1882	married	farm labourer heavy work	Manor Farm Cottages (58)	59	64
Miles	John H	male	16/1/1882	married	old age pensioner invalid	Brize Norton (7)	77	82
Miles	Jean	female	09/09/1926	single	at school	Brize Norton (40)	12	17
Mills	Lillian	female	27/6/1898	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (40)	41	46

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Mills	Walter J	male	12/12/1890	married	labourer bus garage	Council House (40)	48	53
Mills	Ada P	female	10/5/1890	single	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road (62)	49	54
Mills	Ada S	female	10/5/1890	single	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road	49	54
Mills	Ada S	female	9/3/1879	married	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road (73)	30	35
Mills	Ellen	female	7/12/1885	single	chawoman	Bampton Road	54	59
Mills	Ellen S	female	7/12/1885	single	farm labourer	Bampton Road (62)	53	58
Mills	Ernest	male	6/3/1875	single	farm labourer	Bampton Road	64	69
Mills	Ernest A J	male	6/3/1875	single	farm labourer	Bampton Road (62)	64	69
Mills	James R	male	23/10/1886	married	eng in driver threshing machine aircraft fitter	Bampton Road (73) The Chequers Pub.	52	57
Mills	Albert	male	24/05/1915	married	stores clerk RAF	Bampton Road (75)	24	29
Mullinorow	Margaret New	female	13/08/1909	single	unpaid domestic duties	Chapel Hill (54)	30	35
Oakey	Edith R	female	30/04/1928	single	laundry clerk	4, Bognor Terrace, Brize Norton	23	28
O'Hara	Ada	female	01/11/1915	single	unpaid domestic duties	Baptist House	19	24
O'Sullivan	Daniel	male	10/04/1920	married	general labourer	Brix Norton (37)	54	59
O'Sullivan	Margaret Owen	female	31/8/1883	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brix Norton (37)	69	74
Owen	Elizabeth	female	1/1/1888	married	unpaid domestic duties	The School House	70	75
Owen	Elizabeth	female	22/5/1869	married	unpaid domestic duties	School House	70	75
Owen	Henry	male	22/1/1869	married	retired gardener	The School House	76	81
Owen	Henry	male	20/12/1862	married	gardener retired	School House	76	81
Packer	Ada M	female	3/11/1883	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (79)	55	60
Packer	John	male	26/1/1882	married	carpenter & wheelwright	Brize Norton (79)	57	62
Parker	Elizabeth	female	19/8/1892	married	unpaid domestic duties	Council House (49)	47	52
Parker	James A.	male	16/3/1887	married	farm carter (special constable)	Council House (49)	52	57
Peachey	Edith E	female	7/3/1893	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (94)	46	51
Peachey	Ernest S	male	17/7/1883	married	road labourer	Brize Norton (94)	46	51
Peachey	Ralph S	male	28/10/1929	single	at school	Brize Norton (94)	9	14
Phillips	Marion	female	24/03/1925	single	at school	Stonelands	13	18

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Phillips	Mari H	female	24/03/1926	single	at school	13	18
Phillips	John	male	4/10/1886	married	labourer air ministry	52	57
Phipps	Kittie	female	10/9/1892	married	unpaid domestic duties	46	51
Phipps	Pamela R	female	24/09/1934	single	at school	4	9
Powell	Charles P	male	02/03/1916	married	farm carter	23	28
Pratley	Cesie	female	8/10/1879	married	unpaid domestic duties	59	64
Pratley	Jesse	male	8/5/1880	married	farm labourer	59	64
Pratley	Judith	female	29/08/1939	single	baby	0	5
Pratley	Kathleen M	female	08/02/1916	married	unpaid domestic duties	23	28
Pratley	Ellen	female	13/03/1886	widow	farmer - own account	53	58
Pratt	Charles	male	05/11/1901	married	farming - small holder	37	42
Preece	H	female		married	unpaid domestic	Brizel Norton (53)	39
Preece	Arthur	male	25/3/1884	married	agriculturist seam engine driver	Brizel Norton (53)	44
Preston	Ellen	female	15/8/1885	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brizel Norton (34)	55
Preston	Iris	female	19/04/1917	single	laundry hand	Brizel Norton (34)	59
Preston	Nellie	female	18/12/1880	single	unpaid domestic duties	Brizel Norton (34)	22
Preston	Nellie Th	female	18/12/1920	single	unpaid domestic duties	Brixton Road (70)	58
Preston	William	male	17/01/1913	single	metal worker - semi skilled	Brixton Road	18
Preston	William E	male	17/01/1913	single	metal worker - semi skilled	Brixton Road	31
Priant	Albert	male	22/6/1887	married	master smith & postmaster	Post Office, Brize Norton	52
Priant	Florence	female	28/2/1886	married	unpaid domestic duties	Post Office, Brize Norton	57
Prior	George Claire	female	16/10/1900	married	unpaid domestic duties	The Cottage (65)	53
Prior	George Fair	female	16/10/1900	married	unpaid domestic duties	The Cottage	58
Prior	John	male	08/06/1930	single	at school	The Cottage (65)	43
Prior	John	male	08/06/1930	single	at school	The Cottage	38
Prior	Muriel C	female	18/02/1927	single	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (95)	9
Prior	Stephen R	male	20/12/1938	single	baby	The Cottage (65)	14
Pripen R		male	26/12/1938	single		The Cottage	14

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Pugh	Alice	female	12/6/1894	married	unpaid domestic duties	Lingermans, Brize Norton	45	50
Pugh	Alice M	female	12/6/1897	married	unpaid domestic duties	Lingermans, Brize Norton	42	47
Pugh	Dick	male	12/7/1897	married	unpaid domestic duties	Lingermans, Brize Norton	42	47
Pugh	Dick	male	3/1/348.87	married	plumber, heating engineer	Lingermans, Brize Norton	52	57
Pugh	Joan A	female	3/1/348.87	married	plumber & heating engineer	Lingermans, Brize Norton	52	57
Rawlinson	Ronald	male	21/08/1932	single	at school	Grange Farm, Brize Norton	7	12
Rawlinson	Ronald Joseph	male	23/12/1926	single	at school	Grange Farm, Brize Norton	12	17
Reynolds	Charles Lames	male	11/03/1931	single	at school	Bampton Road (88)	8	13
Reynolds	Elizabeth	female	03/09/1933	single	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (76)	5	10
Robbins	Ernest A J	male	16/7/1869	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (31)	70	75
Robbins	Ronald J C	male	15/12/1874	married	farm labourer	Brize Norton (31)	64	69
Roberts	Anthony E	male	19/08/1927	single	at school	Brize Norton (31)	12	17
Robinson	Joan P M	female	28/07/1914	married	flying officer	General duties	25	30
Robinson	Mabel E	female	07/10/1928	married	unpaid domestic duties	Marsh Haddon	10	15
Rouse	Edith	female	01/04/1913	single	domestic servant	Manor Farm Cottages (58)	26	31
Rouse	Emma	female	4/2/1895	single	invalid	Brize Norton (62)	44	49
Russell	Lizzie S	female	26/4/1893	single	paid domestic	Brize Norton (62)	46	51
Saundby	Arthur	male	19/04/1903	single	shop assistant	Burford Road	36	41
Savory	Edward N	male	05/07/1928	single	at school	Kilberry?	11	16
Savory	Margaret F	female	24/08/1908	married	grocer assistant	Brize Norton (76)	31	36
Scanlan	Eric	male	27/10/1910	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (76)	28	33
Scanlan	Percy	male	16/04/1938	single	at school	Bampton Road (87) Forge Cottage	1	6
Scanlan	Thomas	male	09/10/1927	single	at school	Bampton Road (87) Forge Cottage	11	16
Sheppard	William	male	24/09/1924	single	at school	Brize Norton (40)	14	19
Simons	Alfred	male	27/2/1865	widow	retired farm worker	Bampton Road (97) Carpenters Arm	74	79
Simons	Alfred	male	13/01/1901	married	school teacher	The School House	38	43
Smith	Dorothy	female	13/05/1901	married	school teacher	School House	38	43
			05/02/1906	married		Kempford House, Brize Norton	33	38

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Smith	Ella	female	27/12/1871	widow	housekeeper unpaid	Yew Tree House	67	72
Smith	Lillian	female	20/2/1896	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Field View Brize Norton	43	48
Smith	Arthur E	male	04/10/1920	single	farm labourer	Brize Norton (42)	18	23
Solis	Arthur J	male	26/5/1884	married	farm woman	Brize Norton (42)	55	60
Solis	Betty	female	17/08/1928	single	at school	Brize Norton	11	16
Solis	Edith	female	16/5/1893	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (42)	46	51
Spicer	Leah R M	female	24/03/1914	single	domestic servant	Marsh Haddon	25	30
Stables	Harold J	male	22/03/1926	single	pub work labourer	Council House (47)	13	18
Stake	Cara	female	30/10/1906	married	unpaid domestic duties	2 Bognor Terrace, Brize Norton	32	37
Stake	Harold J	male	14/04/1902	married	mill hand spinner	2 Bognor Terrace, Brize Norton	37	42
Stevenson	Ebie	female	01/11/1903	married	unpaid domestic duties	The Cottage (66)	35	40
Stevenson	Esie	female	01/11/1903	married	unpaid domestic duties		35	40
Stokes	Margaret	female	24/08/1924	single	hairdresser	Stonelands	15	20
Stokes	Margaret C	female	26/08/1924	single	hair dresser	Brize Norton (44)	15	20
Starkey	John W	male	14/06/1926	single	at school	Brize Norton (44)	13	18
Sturch	Amannah	male	3/1/1878	married	farmer master	Grange Farm, Brize Norton	61	66
Sturch	Elizabeth	female	23/4/1886	married	unpaid domestic duties	Grange Farm, Brize Norton	53	58
Swettingham	James	male	28/12/1900	single	unpaid domestic duties	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	38	43
Swettingham	James	male	28/12/1930	single	unpaid domestic duties	Moat Farm, Brize Norton	8	13
Taylor	Thurza	female	2/1/1857	widow	incapacitated	Brize Norton (78)	82	87
Teagle	William J	male	10/12/1896	single	farm carter	The Cottage (67)	42	47
Teagle	William J	male	10/12/1896	single	farm carter		42	47
Temple	Ellen	female	21/6/1870	widow	old age pensioner	Brize Norton (69)	69	74
Temple	Frances M	female	23/03/1924	single	laundry worker	Brize Norton (29)	15	20
Temple	Margaret	female	24/02/1906	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (69)	33	38
Temple	Wifred	male	30/01/1906	married	lorry driver heavy work	Brize Norton (69)	33	38
Timmarsh	Arthur R	male	08/02/1907	married	farm carter	Grove Cottages (38)	32	37
Timmarsh	Freda M	female	05/04/1901	married	unpaid domestic duties	Grove Cottages (38)	38	43

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surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	marital status	occupation	address	age in 1939	age in 1945
Timms	Albert E	male	18/3/1889	married	small holder	Brize Norton (97)	50	55
Timms	Alfred W	male	4/6/1896	married	brick layer	Bampton Road (87)	45	50
Timms	Alice M	female	25/11/1884	married	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road (87)	44	49
Timms	Ann	female	2/1/1863	married	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road	76	81
Timms	Cecil C	male	06/08/1902	married	builder/labourer	Burford Road	37	42
Timms	Christabel E	female	20/01/1911	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (43)	28	33
Timms	David P	male	10/05/1938	single	under school age	Brize Norton (43)	1	6
Timms	Elsie A	female	1/2/1893	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (97)	46	51
Timms	Eric A	male	09/08/1907	single	farm labourer	Bampton Road	32	37
Timms	Ernest R	male	13/9/1884	married	bricklayer	Brize Norton (44)	44	49
Timms	Frederick	male	30/10/1883	married	master builder	Bampton Road (100)	55	60
Timms	Gordon W	male	27/08/1928	single	at school	Bampton Road (87) Forge Cottage	10	15
Timms	Hilda	female	7/9/1899	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (19)	40	45
Timms	Joseph E	male	18/04/1913	married	jobbing builder	Brize Norton (91)	26	31
Timms	Kathleen E	female	07/10/1916	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (91)	22	27
Timms	Leonard C	male	26/8/1863	widow	bricklayer	Bampton Road (101)	76	81
Timms	Mabel E	female	11/8/1887	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (44)	42	47
Timms	Mark E	male	2/2/1864	married	mason/retired	Bampton Road	75	80
Timms	Mary	female	5/7/1867	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (44)	72	77
Timms	Olive G	female	08/02/1910	married	unpaid domestic duties	Burford Road	29	34
Timms	Percival J	male	07/10/1905	married	jobbing builder - own business	Brize Norton (43)	33	38
Timms	Thomas	male	1/2/1899	married	Batman No 2 FTS	Brize Norton (19)	40	45
Towell	Eleanor E	female	13/10/1877	married	unpaid domestic duties	Chapel Hill (53)	61	66
Towell	Samuel E	male	4/5/1875	married	farm labourer	Chapel Hill (53)	64	69
Trinder	Arthur R	male	27/07/1907	married	carpenter	Bampton Road (74)	32	37
Trinder	Elsie	female	05/08/1908	married	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road (74)	31	36
Twells	Ann L	female	1/11/1824	single	old age pensioner	Nr Church, Brize Norton (58)	104	109
Twyman	Annie M	female	22/4/1876	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (78)	63	68

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Upstone	Caroline	female	2/12/1866	widow	unpaid domestic duties	1 Bogart Terrace, Brize Norton	72	77
Upstone	Caroline	female	24/12/1892	married	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road (98)	46	51
Upstone	Clara	female	1/12/1861	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (32)	77	82
Upstone	Violet E	female	21/10/1900	single	incapacitated	Brize Norton (32)	38	43
Upstone	William	male	30/11/1865	married	retired farm worker	Bampton Road (98)	73	78
Walker	Jean	female	06/09/1833	single	manager sales - women's ...	The Stores, Brize Norton (59)	105	110
Walvin	Edwin	male	14/08/1905	married	agricultural commercial traveller	The Cottage, Burford Road, Brize N	34	39
Walvin	Isla G	female	24/10/1912	married	unpaid domestic duties	The Cottage, Burford Road, Brize N	26	31
Webb	Dennis G	male	11/07/1915	married	RAFVR	Burford Road	24	29
Weir	Nora A	female	8/3/1893	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (38)	46	51
Weir	Robert P	male	28/6/1891	married	electrical engineer RAF	Brize Norton (38)	48	53
Francis	Wells	male	10/4/1894	married	market gardener & nursery man	Kilkenny	55	60
Minnie	Wells	female	27/1/1894	married	unpaid domestic duties	Kilkenny	55	60
Wells	William	male	28/07/1916	single	carpenter & joiner	Council House (49)	23	28
Wheeler	George	male	25/12/1917	single	upholsterer	Council House (47)	21	26
White	John	male	1/3/1890	single	pub work labourer	Brize Norton (32)	49	54
Whiteman	Annie K.	female	13/1/1864	widow	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (32)	75	80
Whiteman	Gordon	male	25/05/1930	single	at school	Brize Norton (32)	9	14
Whiteman	Vera	female	03/06/1935	single	under school age	Brize Norton (32)	4	9
Widdop	Bernard	male	20/3/1886	single	air ministry warden	The Chaguers Pub.	53	58
Wiggins	Eise	female	16/2/1898	married	unpaid domestic duties	Council House (48)	41	46
Wiggins	Sorrey H	male	14/09/1905	married	farm shepherd	Council House (48)	33	38
Wilkins	Charles	male	5/1/1885	married	agricultural farmer	Manor Farm, Brize Norton	54	59
Wilkins	Charles	male	31/03/1880	married	farmer retired	The Homestead	79	84
Wilkins	Elizabeth	female	16/8/1889	single	unpaid domestic duties	The Homestead	50	55
Wilkins	Lewis	male	23/09/1914	single	agricultural farmer	Manor Farm, Brize Norton	24	29
Wilkins	Martha	female	21/9/1857	married	unpaid domestic duties	The Homestead	81	86
Wilkins	P	male	28/02/1911	single	agricultural farmer	Manor Farm, Brize Norton	28	33

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surname	christian name	sex	date of birth	marital status	occupation	address	age in 1939	age in 1945
Winfield	Daisy	female	5/11/1895	married	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (92)	43	48
Winfield	Edward	male	17/8/1863	married	old age pensioner	Brize Norton (61)	76	81
Winfield	Elizabeth	female	9/4/1863	window	unpaid domestic duties	Brize Norton (92)	76	81
Winfield	John	male	19/4/1894	married	lengthman permanent way	Brize Norton (92)	55	60
Winfield	Joseph	male	20/11/1895	single	stone mason	Brize Norton (92)	43	48
Winfield	Karen	female	9/10/1884	single	incapacitated	Brize Norton (92)	54	59
Winfield	Harriet	female	7/3/1854	married	unpaid domestic	Brize Norton (61)	43	48
Wood	Harold J	male	21/03/1905	married	cattle conveyor ARP Warden	Bampton Road (88)	34	39
Wood	Millicent	female	17/11/1907	married	unpaid domestic duties	Bampton Road (88)	31	36
Woodley	Ronald	male	07/04/1926	single	at school	Brize Norton (35)	13	18
Worley	Emma	female	6/7/1865	single	independent means	St Martins Cottage, Brize Norton	74	79
Worley	Rosa	female	17/6/1866	single	shopkeeper general stores	The Stores, Brize Norton (39)	73	78
Young	Reginald	male	10/4/1895	single	baker and confectioner	Brize Norton (44)	44	49

Appendix 4 - Records sets

Royal Artillery Attestations 1883-1942

The records include the men who fought in both World War 1 and World War 2.

The information contained in this collection is taken from enlistment books which were maintained by British Army regiments during the period under consideration. Each record includes an image of the enlistment book and a transcription. The information in each can vary.

Army Book 358 was intended to be a permanent record of a man's enlistment and was, in due course, to be "deposited in the office of the Master of the Rolls" for reference purposes.

The instruction continued that the book "will be kept up to date and complied with care and accuracy. When a man is struck off the strength, the necessary entry will be made in the column "Transfer". If for any reason he is allotted a new Regimental number, cross references will be made." Four lines were allotted for each man's entry and the entries recorded in numerical order.

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The earlier entries in Army Book 358, up until 1929 at least, can give an extraordinary amount of detail. Information is recorded under the following headings:

Regimental number

Whether the enlistment was for the regular army (R), militia (M), special reserve (SR) or Territorial Force (T)

Full name

Date of attestation

Age on attestation

Place of attestation

Whether transferred to or from another corps and in such cases, the date of transfer

Trade on enlistment

Parish, town and county of birth

Next of kin (parents' details to be written in pencil, wife's details to be written in ink)

Place and date of marriage

Place and date of birth of each child

Campaigns, wounds, medals or rewards of any kind

Date, place and cause of discharge

Rank and character on discharge

Rate of pension awarded

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Address on discharge

Remarks

The last, “Remarks” column is important here as it often gives details of prior service, often including a regimental number and date of enlistment which would enable further research to be undertaken in other record series published elsewhere on findmypast.

Whilst the attestations in these large enrolment books date from the 1900s, the earliest attestation noted where former service is indicated, dates back to 1883. Searching these records could therefore help you uncover not just First World War soldiers, but men who served in the Boer War (1899-1902) and other late nineteenth century campaigns.

The smaller attestation books which were in general use from 1929 give a lot less information, namely:

Army number

Full name/s

Details of transfer to other Corps or cause of becoming non-effective (including date)

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A typical entry in this final column might read 19.02.35 Para 370 (xvi) KR which means that the man was discharged on 19th February 1935 under Paragraph 370 (xvi) of King's Regulations. To ascertain exactly what that particular paragraph means it is necessary to check the relevant published King's regulations before the date mentioned. King's Regulations were published in 1914, 1923 and 1940 and copies can be obtained – and in some instances viewed for free – online.

The original enlistment books that from this collection are owned by The Royal Artillery Historical Trust and housed at The Royal Artillery Museum in Woolwich.

When someone enlisted with The Royal Regiment of Artillery the first thing they did was fill out an “attestation record”. This became the basis of his record of service.

There are approximately one million soldiers on the list. But please note that these records do not catalogue ALL soldiers enlisted. The earlier records, before 1930, are very detailed and a great source of detail. After 1930, the records have less

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detail, but can still give you dates of attestation and discharge.

The records include those who fought in World War One and World War Two, but also those who fought in the Crimean War and the Boer Wars.

The originally Attestation Ledgers are held at the Royal Artillery Museum in London's Woolwich.

Below is an example of an attestation record. Most have very little detail, far less than earlier records:

A screenshot of a digital record transcription interface. At the top, there is a back button labeled "Back to results". Below it is a header section with a blue circular icon containing a white document symbol, followed by the text "Record Transcription: Royal Artillery Attestations 1883-1942" and a link "Learn about this record set". The main content is a table with the following data:

First name(s)	Albert
Last name	Archer
Age	-
Birth year	-
Birth place	-
Attestation year	1938
Service number	1435371
Former service number	-
Record set	Royal Artillery Attestations 1883-1942
Category	Military, armed forces & conflict
Subcategory	Regimental & Service Records
Collections from	Great Britain, UK None

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British Army Casualty Lists 1939-1945

Both a transcript and an original image are held by FindmyPast the online source. The original images are held at The National Archives in Surrey and have been digitised and indexed for Findmypast. The information in the transcripts can vary, but most will include the following:

Name

Year

Capture year

Service number

Rank - rank as transcribed – This is the rank as it was transcribed from the document. Most records use abbreviations for rank and regiment. The previous rank field is the abbreviation expanded in full.

Regiment - regiment as transcribed – This field was created similarly to rank as transcribed. See above explanation.

Theatre of war

Archive reference

Piece description

Archive

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The image can provide you with additional information such as a date of death or a notation regarding an individual's prior listing (i.e. if the person was listed previously as missing or a prisoner of war).

You may have annotations written next to your ancestor's name. The letter 'L' or 'CL' and a number or a number on its own refers to another casualty list. This is likely to be when someone who was missing has now been reported as a prisoner or someone who was wounded reported now as having died. The first number in these references will relate to the Casualty List number, found at the start of each daily casualty list. If there is a second number to this code (example: CL 1015/12), this will be the specific page that the previous or subsequent entry can be found. Use the previous/next buttons to move through the documents to view other list numbers.

An example transcript is shown below;

The British Army casualty lists 1939-1945 include over a million entries from the volumes which were updated by the War Office on a regular basis from 1939 to 1947. The lists document the names

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◀ Back to results	
 Record Transcription: British Army Casualty Lists 1939-1945	
Learn about this record set	
First name(s)	A S A
Last name	Archer
Year	1942
Capture year	1942
Service number	2000389
Rank	Sapper
Rank as transcribed	Spr
Regiment	Royal Engineers
Regiment as transcribed	Royal Engineers
Theatre of war	Western Desert, Middle East
Archive reference	WO 417/45
Piece description	Casualty Lists - Other Ranks 855 - 869
Archive	The National Archives
Record set	British Army Casualty Lists 1939-1945
Category	Military, armed forces & conflict
Subcategory	Second World War
Collections from	Great Britain, UK None

of officers, nurses, and other ranks who were reported as killed in action, dead as a result of illness or accident, missing, or taken as a prisoner of war. Later records show the names of those who were previously listed as a prisoner of war or missing but had died or those who were listed as a prisoner of war and were now free. Individuals can appear in the lists more than once if their status was reported to have changed. For example, E C Young was first reported missing, then reported missing and presumed a prisoner of war, and finally reported as a prisoner of war. Each entry recorded the person's name, rank,

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service number, regiment, status, and previous theatre of war.

You can find the original records held at The National Archives. The British Army casualty lists 1939-1945 includes pieces 1-102 of series WO 417: War Office: army casualty lists, 1939-45 war.

Prisoners of War 1715-1945

An example record of this type is shown below:

Record Transcription:	
Prisoners Of War 1715-1945	
Learn about this record set	
First name(s)	George
Last name	Wheeler
Year	1942
Birth year	1918
Rank	Gunner
Regiment	-
Residence	Taunton
Residence county	Somerset
Country of imprisonment	Japan
Nationality	British
Prison camp or ship	Fukuoka PoW camp
Conflict	World War 2
Archive	The National Archives
Archive reference	WO 345/55
Document details	War Office: Japanese Index Cards of Allied Prisoners of War and Internees, Second World War, 1942-1945
Record set	Prisoners Of War 1715-1945
Category	Military, armed forces & conflict
Subcategory	Regimental & Service Records
Collection	Great Britain: UK Index

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In association with The National Archives, Findmypast has digitised and transcribed this collection. For each record, you can view an image of the original document and a transcription of the information found in the document. Within the collection, there are a small number of records which only provide a transcript. These records were contributed by the Naval and Military Press and Brian Sims. You will also find First World War records from the International Committee of the Red Cross. Each record will provide a copyright statement or archive field which denotes its origin.

The amount of information in each record can vary depending on the type of document and the amount of detail recorded at the time of the event. You may or may not find some of the following information:

Transcript

Name: Many only include surnames.
Residence
Year
Service number

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Birth place
Nationality
Rank
Rank as transcribed
Regiment as transcribed
Ship name
Prison camp or ship
Conflict
Archive reference
Document details
Image

The nature of these records varies greatly. In some, you will find lists of the names of prisoners; in others you will find detailed records of daily life of the prisoners including physical descriptions of your ancestors.

By viewing the original document you can reveal even more about your ancestor. The image will also help you to put the information into a wider context and understand why your ancestor's name was recorded. Because of the diversity of the documents, you may find more than one record for an ancestor.

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