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Charmouth during the Second World War

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The Home Guard marching past the Queens Armes Hotel on the Street in Charmouth





The Home Guard marching past Sunnyside (Devons Edge) Hotel on the Street in Charmouth



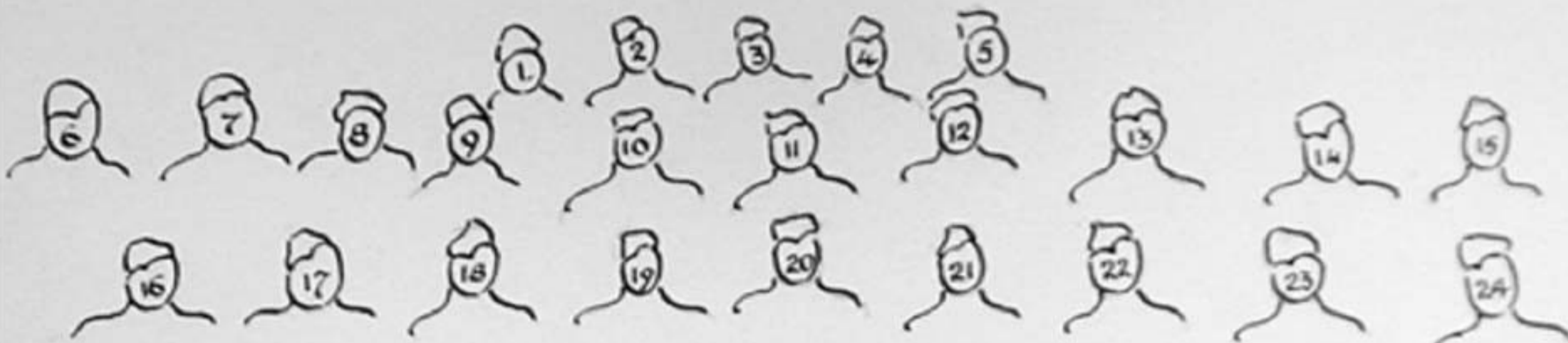
The Charmouth Home Guard

N°3 (Charmouth) Platoon, "A" Company

1st Battalion Dorset Home Guard.

20th August 1944.

Photo by C.R. Hider, Bridport.



1. Private Gear, H.

2. " Jerrard, D.

3. " Matthews, S.

4. " Holman, J.

5. " White, F.

6. " Peach, H.

7. " Frampton, R.E.

8. " Bartlett, J.

9. Private Young, R.

10. " Havis, C.

11. " Spurdle, E.

12. " Loosmore, R.C.

13. " Rendell, W.

14. " Lane, R.

15. " Quick, F.

16. " Stirk, J.

17. L. Corp. Restorick, G.

18. Corporal Frampton, R.E.C.

19. Sergeant Aldworth, C.

20. Captain Marston, S.

21. Sergeant Herbert, S.

22. L. Corp. Hodder, J.

23. L. Corp. Stokes, J.

24. Private Oxenbury, J.

Key to the photograph of the Home Guard shown above

Gear, Henry - Victoria Bungalow, Higher Sea Lane.	Young, Robert - Fern Hill Cottage	Restorick, George - High Street
Jerrard, - Landsdowne House, The Street	Havis, Cecil - Littlecote	Frampton, Reuben - Winton House
Matthews, Stanley - Charcott, Lower Sea Lane	Spurdle, Ernest - Rose Cottage	Aldworth, Cliff
Holman, - 2 Hall View, Lower Sea Lane	Loosmore, Richard - Manor Farm	Marston, Sydney - Bymead, Axminster Road
White, - 3 Nutcombe Terrace	Rendell, Walter - The Nook	Herbert, Sidney - The Pharmacy
Peach, Andrew H - The Lilacs, The Street	Lane, - The Star Inn	Hodder, John - Catherstone Cottage
Frampton, Ronald - 1 Flat, 2 manor House, The Street	Quick, ?	Stokes, John - Thatch Cottage, Axminster Rd.
Bartlett, John - Mill Cottage, The Street	Stirk, John - 9 Nutcombe Terrace	Oxenbury, Leslie John - Romany, Lower Sea Lane



An enlargement of the Home Guard Group - left
Back Row - Peach, Frampton, Bartlett, Young, Gear, Front Row - Stirk, Rostorick, Frampton





An enlargement of the Home Guard Group - centre

Back Row-Jerrard, Matthews, Holman, White. Middle Row-Havis,Spurdle,Loosemore, Rendle. Front Row-Aldworth, Marston, Herbert



An enlargement of the Home Guard Group - right

Back Row - Rendell, Lane, Quick. Front Row - Hodder, Stokes, Oxenbury.



Reub Frampton was the village butcher with his brother Ron standing outside their shop next to The Coach and Horses. They came to Charmouth in 1938 when they bought the butchers from Cecil Marsh. Both served in the Home Guard and appear in the group photograph.

"As most people know, following the German campaign in Europe in 1940, there was a real threat of invasion of the UK in May 1940. Anthony Eden made a radio appeal to men aged between 16-65 to form a defence force called the Local Defence Volunteers (L.D.V.). Over a quarter of a million men volunteered the next day. There were soon over 500,000 men involved.

The Charmouth unit was formed by Colonel Little who lived in the house on the corner of The Street and Lower Sea Lane, as Commanding Officer. The platoon consisted of World War 1 veterans, youngsters awaiting call up and men in reserved occupations. I joined in August 1940. About 20 - 24 men were involved. I recall that initially we just had armbands with L.D.V. on them. It was not long before we had battledress uniforms and some American 0.300 rifles.

On September the 8th or 15th, I forget which, there was a general 'Stand To' and I recall spending the time outside the George Hotel where there was a road block. The thing that stuck in my memory was that as dawn broke, we heard the sound of an aircraft and were pleased to see an RAF reconnaissance plane that was flying along the coast. We used to man the Look Out post in a hut on the hill behind Catherston: two men each night looking over Marshwood Vale at dusk and dawn in case parachutes were dropped. There was a telephone to Catherston House. Nightly patrols of the village were carried out for a while and groups of members were 'Stood-To' each night at the east cliff post in later months. The big excitement one afternoon was when a parachutist was seen descending over Westover Lane way. The LDV turned out to capture him, armed to the teeth. It was an RAF pilot who had bailed out after one of the dogfights when his fighter was hit.

The platoon settled, and the name of the force was changed by order of Winston Churchill to the Home Guard. In our unit Mr Marsden, who lived at Bymead on the Axminster Road became the commanding officer. The sergeants were Cliff Aldworth and Sydney Herbert the pharmacist. We met each week at the old WI at the bottom of the village and in the playing field for drill etc. As the months passed we were supplied with more weapons; a couple of Lewis machine guns, Sten guns and a spigot mortar which fired a 201b bomb, grenades and sticky bombs. Another member and I went to Woolacombe in North Devon where we had training in handling explosives.

Charmouth beach was of course closed and out of bounds. It was surrounded with barbed wire and had anti-tank blocks at each end. The Home Guard positions on the East Cliff could cover the beach and later there was a five-pounder installed there with a limited number of shells. It was manned by the most elderly members of the platoon. There was also a pillbox in Lower Sea Lane where the new school now stands.

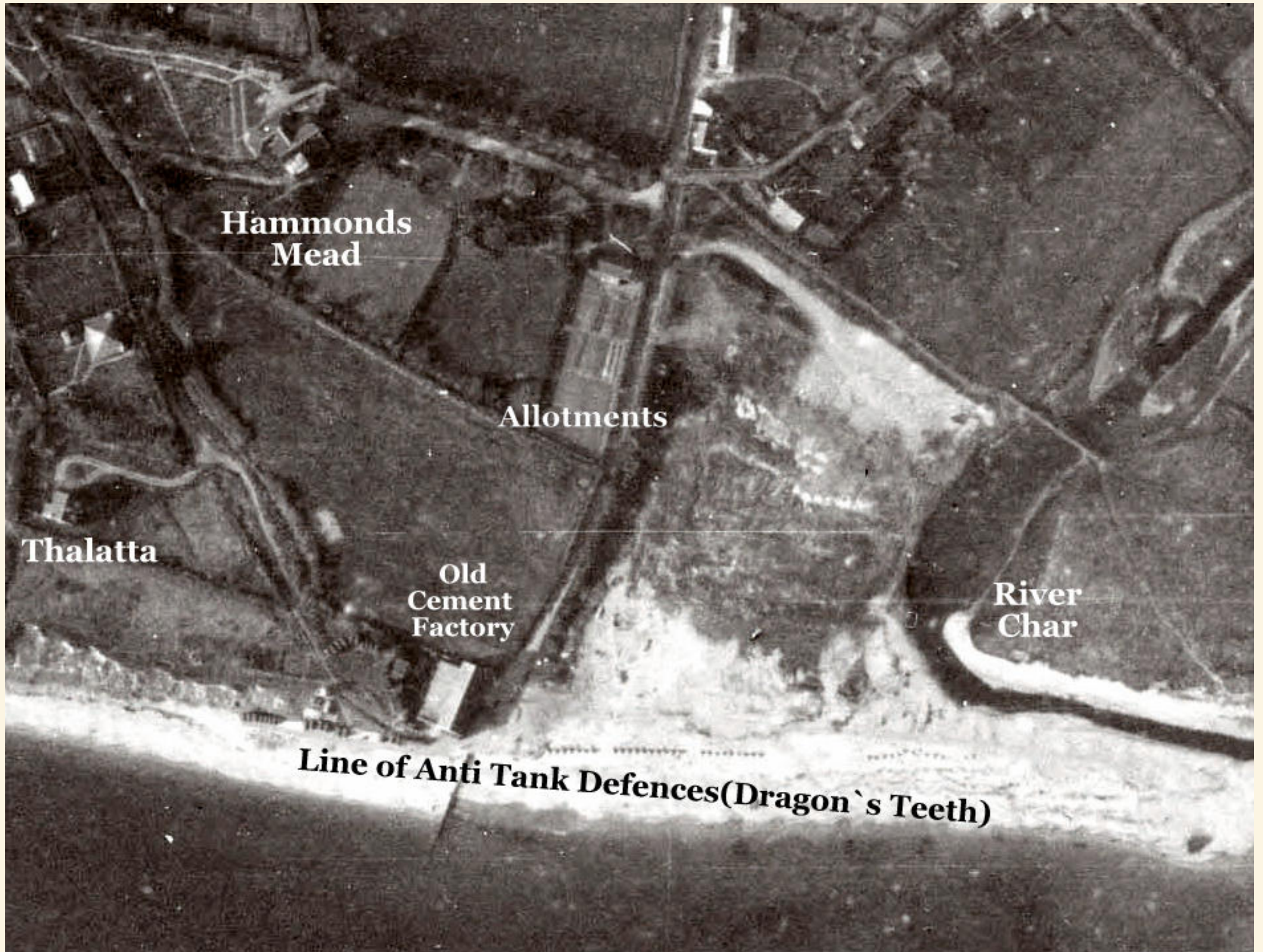
We were kept busy on training nights, getting familiar with the new weapons and with the various field exercises that were devised. We used to go to the village hall in Wootton some evenings for target practice with .22 rifles. We also had visits to the rifle range in Symondsburry to fire rifles and machine guns.

The photo shows a parade which was held, I think in 1943 and the group photo was taken after I left. Some people may recognise some of the men, I cannot remember many of the names, but in the front row are George Restorick, Ron Frampton, Sgt. Aldworth, Capt. Marsden and Sgt. Herbert. The Home Guard finally stood down in the autumn of 1944. It had provided people with a welcome opportunity to join an organised force to defend their homes, but I doubt if the Germans had ever been able to reach our shores, those of us on the coast would have had much chance". **Viv Hallett**



This a photograph by Claude Hider of the 224 Field Battery, which was based at Dorchester and Bridport.
(Can anyone identify building behind or supply further information?)





Aerial Photographs of Charmouth in 1947, showing the line of concrete Anti Tank emplacements along the beach, some of which can still be seen today. These were known as "Dragons Teeth" and were originally linked together with metal poles to form a barrier. A number of the fields can be seen with Allotments, which were encouraged.



A line of concrete Dragon's Teeth along the beach. The purpose was to create obstacles if the Germans landed; these would prevent their tanks from advancing up to the village and controlling the London to Plymouth road.



A Postcard of Beach shortly after the end of the War showing the line of Dragons Teeth stretching along the shore.



A line of Dragons Teeth along the front soon after the war in 1952.



The War Time Radar Station that fell into the sea at Stonebarrow Hill in 1942

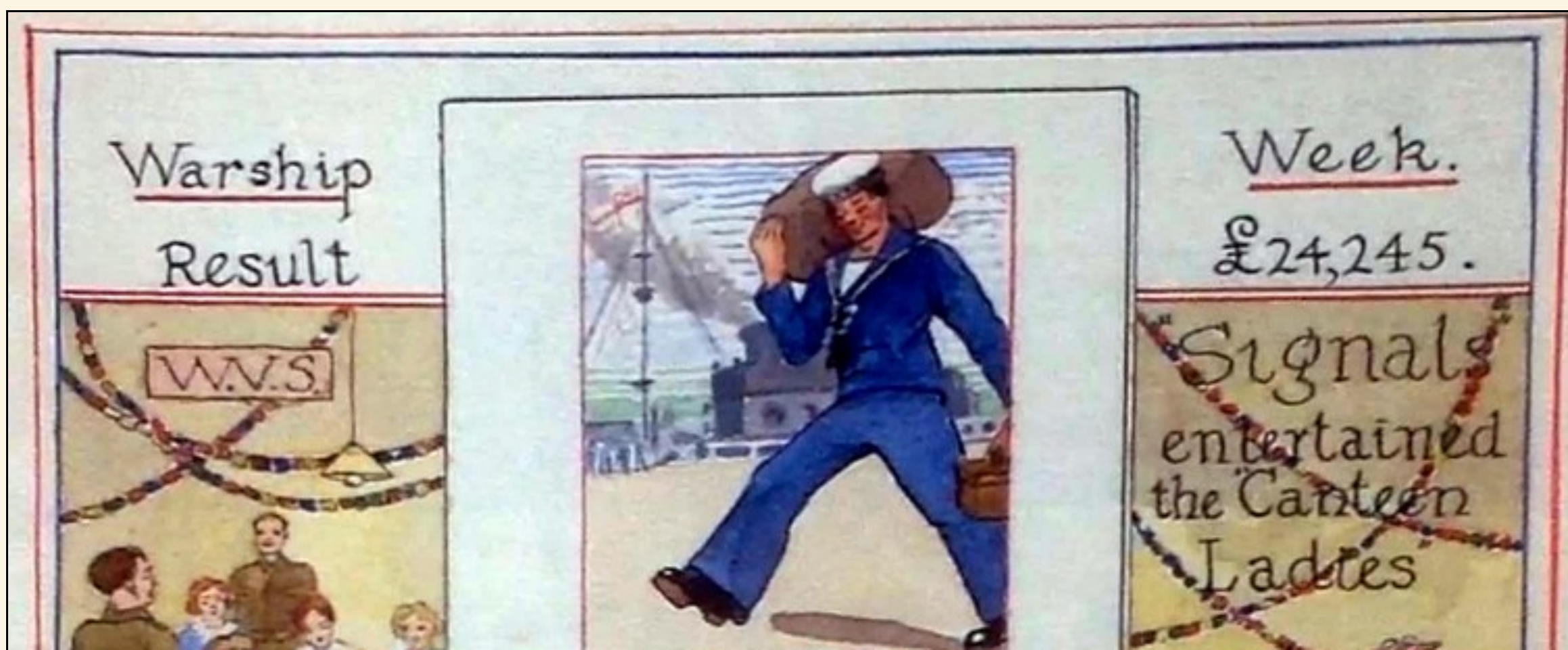


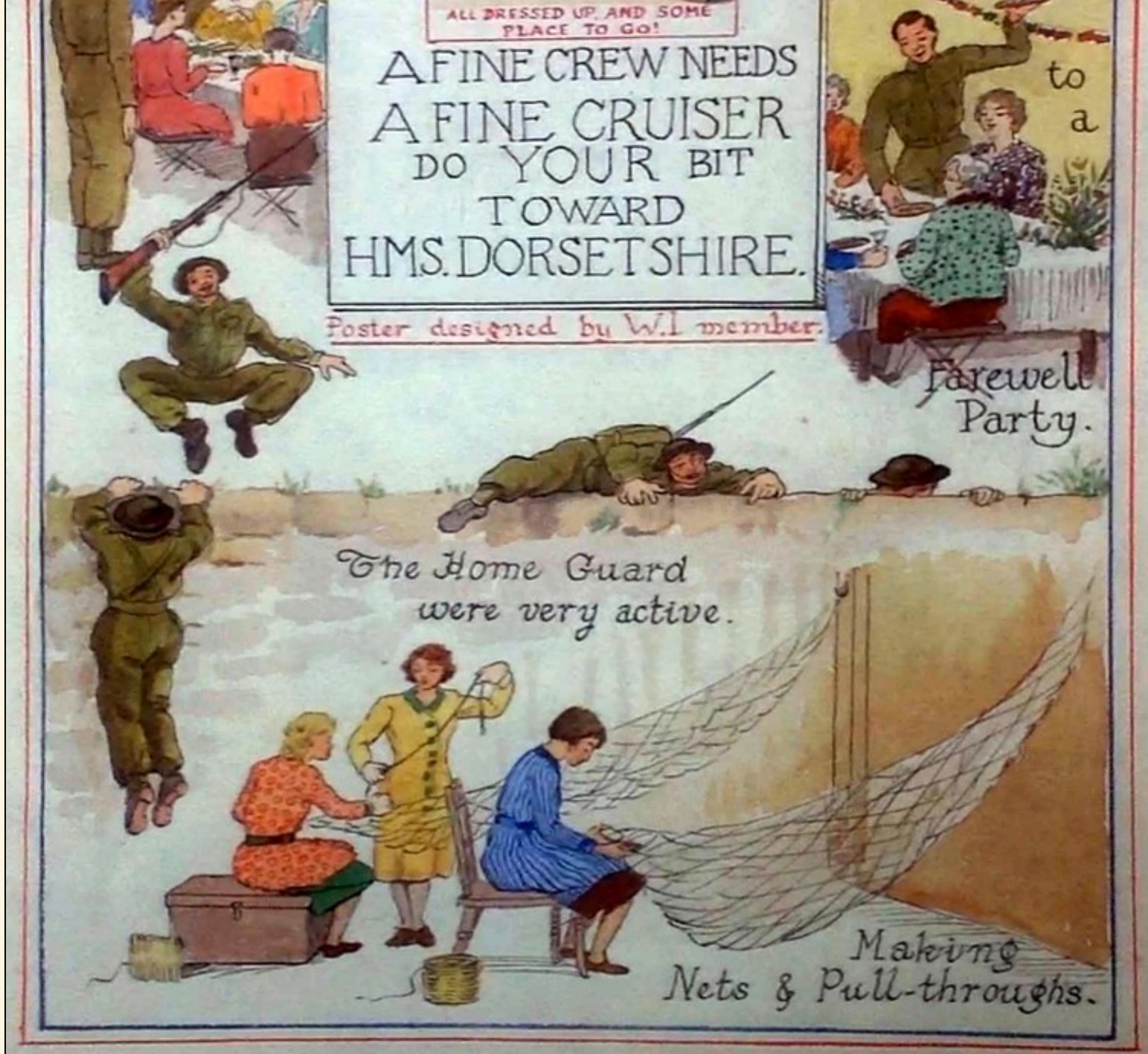
The Bunk House today which is used by the National Trust





The Charmouth page from the The Dorset Federation of Womens Institutes War Records book which can be seen at the Dorset History Centre, Bridport Road, Dorchester, DT1 1RP. It shows the Evacuees that arrived. It also depicts the land mine that had gone off on the Stonebarrow Cliff; apparently by a cow stepping on to it and that the poor beast had its head blown off by the explosion.





Another page from the Womens Institutes War Records book Book showing them raising money towards HMS Dorsetshire. The women can also be seen repairing nets and the Home Guard in action.



PARLIAMENTARY COUNTY OF DORSET. WESTERN DIVISION.

POLLING DISTRICT — — CHARMOUTH—O.

Parish - - CHARMOUTH

ELECTORAL DIVISION — — CHARMOUTH.

CIVILIAN RESIDENCE REGISTER (C)

A Voter against whose name the letter **A** is placed is entered on the Absent Voters List.

Shire Hall,
Dorchester. 7th May, 1945.

C. P. BRUTTON,
Electoral Registration Officer.

Name and Address.

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No.	
19	Allen, Winifred Grace, Mintaka
20	Allen, Edward, Sycamore Cottage
21	Allen, Grace M., Sycamore Cottage
22	Amassian, Djwan, Sea View Bungalow
23	Amassian, Eupime, Sea View Bungalow
24	Ardagh, Anne L. F., Sea Meadow, Higher Sea Lane
25	Armes, Thomas W., Portland View, Old Lyme Road
26	Armes, Ivy, Portland View, Old Lyme Road
27	Ashby, William H., 1 Holly Bank, Higher Sea Lane
28	Ayles, Leonora, High Street
29	Ayles, Adeline G., High Street
30	Back, William, 3 Coastguard Cottage, Lower Sea Lane
31	Back, Annie E., 3 Coastguard Cottage, Lower Sea Lane
32	Baker, Albert, 1 Higher Sea Lane
33	Baker, Edna M., Marwood
34	Baldwin, Charles A., Swiss Cottage
35	Baldwin, Dora M., Swiss Cottage
36	Baldwin, Mary, Swiss Cottage
37	Ballard, Ethel D., Firlands, High Street
38	Bannerman, Dorothy Beatrice, Hilcot, Roman Road
39	Barber, Dorothy C., The Elms
40	Bartlett, George, 5 Council House, Higher Sea Lane
41	Bartlett, Daisy L., 5 Council House, Higher Sea Lane
42	Bartlett, John, Mill Cottage
43	Bartlett, Phyllis M., Mill Cottage
44	Bartlett, Ellen, Littlecote, High Street
45	Bastin, William G., 5 Mill View
46	Bastin, Rose A., 5 Mill View
47	Battishill, Ida E. M., Sonamerg
48	Bear, Ruth, Lane End
49	Beavor, Alice M., Old Lyme Road
50	Belben, John B., Knapp Cottage
51	Berkeley, Beatrice, Oxford Cottage
52	Bidwell, Percival F., Westcliff, Higher Sea Lane
53	Bill, Nellie, The Retreat
54	Bill, Irene, The Retreat
55	Billett, Rosena A., Charmouth House
56	Blanchard, George, The Wedge
57	Blanchard, Marian K., The Wedge
58	Blinman, Jane, The Bakery, High Street
59	Blinman, Ethel M., The Bakery, High Street
60	Blinman, Ada W., The Bakery, High Street
61	Bosanquet, Nancy, Lynn House
62	Boucher, Hilda Constance, Burleston, Higher Sea Lane
63	Bowden, Percy A. D., Little Hurst Cottage
64	Bowden, Florence E. H., Little Hurst Cottage
65	Bowditch, Lilian, 11 Nutcombe Terrace
66	Bowditch, William G., 8 Nutcombe Terrace
67	Bowditch, Alice M., 8 Nutcombe Terrace
68	Bowditch, William, 8 Nutcombe Terrace
69	Bowditch, Edna M., Wisteria Cottage
70	Bowyer, Percy A. J., Lily Farm
71	Bowyer, Marion E., Lily Farm
72	Bowyer-Smyth, Annie E., The Cottage
73	Bradford, Alfred Thomas, 1 Bridge Road
74	Bradford, Gladys, 1 Bridge Road
75	Bragg, James R. W., High Street
76	Bragg, Elsie M., High Street
77	Braid, Percy S., Portland House, High Street

No.	
78	Braid, Eva C., Portland House
79	Bridgman, Irene V. B., Beauregard
80	Bridgman, Mabel I. B., Beauregard
81	Bridle, James, Higher Sea Lane
82	Bridle, Mabel, Higher Sea Lane
83	Brock-Birkett, Miles, Captain, Sandford
84	Brocklehurst, Walter H., Badgers
85	Brocklehurst, Irene, Badgers
86	Brown, Frances J., Shela
87	Brown, Alice M., Shela
88	Brown, Maude, Vivian House
89	Brown, Irene F. G., Vivian House
90	Brown, Samuel S., Hill House
91	Bruce, Elizabeth, The Retreat
92	Buck, Muriel E., The Court
93	Bugler, Frances, High Street
94	Bugler, Cecil George, Red Roof
95	Bugler, Ivy, Red Roof
96	Burdett, Veronica M., Mill View
97	Burgess, Amelia, Shela
98	Burgess, Emily, Shela, Higher Sea Lane
99	Burke, Katherine, Brown Gables, Barr Lane
100	Burke, Emily M., Brown Gables, Barr Lane
101	Burrige, Percy A., Crockers, Axminster Road
102	Burrige, Ada C., Crockers, Axminster Road
103	Burrige, Mary T., Crockers, Axminster Road
104	Burton, Frances J., Hill View
105	Burton, Marie, Way-a-long
106	Bush, Susan C. S., Grasmere
107	Bushell, Kenneth D., Dovenedge Hotel
108	Cabell, Frances Eileen, Elmsmere
109	Cabell, Arthur G., Knapp Stores
110	Cabell, Lilian E., Knapp Stores
111	Cann, John A., Appletrees Cottage
112	Cann, Ruby L., Appletrees Cottage
113	Cann, Jean B., Appletrees Cottage
114	Carter, Gladys M., The Cottage
115	Carter, Alice M. M., Sunrise
116	Carter, Phyllis M., The Cottage
117	Chamberlain, Mary E. E., Askew House
118	Cherrill, Elizabeth I., Bracoden
119	Cherrill, Elizabeth, Bracoden
120	Chick, Muriel F., Homedale
121	Chick, Charles F. W., Homedale
122	Childs, Alfred J., Waterloo House
123	Childs, Olive D., Waterloo House
124	Childs, Freda C. M., Burleston
125	Childs, Ruth, Burleston
126	Clarke, Frederick A., 2 Sarum Cottage
127	Clements, Helena D., Grange House
128	Clements, Olga B., Broadlands
129	Coates, Frank E. J., Way-a-long, Lower Sea Lane
130	Coates, G., Way-a-long, Lower Sea Lane
131	Cohen, Sarah, The Rosary
132	Cohen, Nancy A., The Rosary
133	Cogill, Norah I., Lane End
134	Collins, Florence M., Melbourne House
135	Collinson, Harry, Sea Meadow
136	Collis, Matilda, Candida Cottage, Axminster Road

137 Colton, Amy M., Thallatta
 138 Cook, Francis S., Mill Cottage
 139 Cook, Maud E., Mill Cottage
 140 Cook, Alice E., Fernhill House
 141 Cooke, Henry D'Arcy, Greenbank
 142 Cooke, Helen E., Greenbank
 143 Cooper, Mildred W., Guppy's, Fishpond
 144 Colquhoun, Jane K., Coach & Horses Hotel
 145 Copp, Beatrice M., Highfield House
 146 Corpe, Doreen, Leas, Upper Sea Lane
 147 Cox, Fred, Foxley Farm
 148 Craven, Helen, Luttrell House
 149 Cresshull, Mary Ann, 1 Hillside Cottage
 150 Creswell, Catherine B., Mintak
 151 Crisp, Eunice T., Bransmead
 152 Culliford, Ellen J., Telephone Exchange
 153 Cumine, Sylvia H. K., 1 Manor House
 154 Dampier, Samuel G., Sea View
 155 Dampier, Emma J., Sea View
 156 Dampier, William G., The Stores
 157 Dampier, Gladys M., 6 Bridge Road
 158 Dancy, Albert, 2 Holly Bank, Higher Sea Lane
 159 Dancy, Gertrude, 2 Holly Bank, Higher Sea Lane
 160 Dean, Everest Marjorie E., Courtfield
 161 De Labilliere, Dorothy, Oxford Cottage
 162 Derrick, Helen, The Red Bungalow
 163 Derrick, Margaret, The Red Bungalow
 164 Desmond, Lily, Leas, Higher Sea Lane
 165 Dibben, Herbert Charles, The Bungalow, Higher
 Sea Lane
 166 Dinsley, F. L. (Mrs.), Cuilin
 167 Dixon, Jean I. B., High Street
 168 Drake, Janie, Grange Mead
 169 Drew, Florence, Grange Mead
 170 Duff, Margaret A., Lane End
 171 Duke, Kathleen M., 4 Nutcombe Terrace
 172 Dureall, Betty G., Grosvenor Cottage
 173 Durling, William, Melbourne House
 174 Durling, Alice E., Melbourne House
 175 Ecclestone, Marion J., Leslis Cottage, Higher Sea Lane
 176 Edwards, Walter Charles, Wood Farm
 177 Edwards, Walter Grant, Wood Farm
 178 Edwards, E., The Elms
 179 Edwards, Robert G., Minnesota
 180 Edwards, Mary T., Minnesota
 181 Eliot, Winthrop Henry, 3 Hillside
 182 Eliot, Mary E., 3 Hillside
 183 Eliot, Nancy, 3 Hillside
 184 Elliot, Lionel L., Bow Cottage
 185 Elliot, Florence J., Bow Cottage
 186 Elliott, Harry, Star Cottage
 187 Elliott, Leonora Budd, Star Cottage
 188 Elliott, Alice, Rose Cottage
 189 Ellum, Mabel, Park View
 190 Emler, Dorothy E., 2 Old Coastguard Cottages
 191 Evans, Olive, Melbourne House
 192 Evans, Gertrude E., Hammonds Mead
 193 Farmer, Margaret H., Grange Cottage
 194 Farrant, Olive A., Littlecote, High Street
 195 Farrant, Mary L., Mill View Cottage
 196 Farrant, Albert James, 6 Mill View
 197 Farrant, Annie, 6 Mill View
 198 Farrant, Mabel L., The Rectory
 199 Fewster, Charles N., High Street
 200 Findlay, Eleanor M., Lower Sea Lane
 201 Fitzalan-Howard, Muriel A. M., The Cliff Cottage
 202 Flack, Elizabeth, Sea Meadow
 203 Fletcher, Pauline L., Old Manor House
 204 Foley, Sarah L., Charmouth House
 205 Foley, Dora B., Charmouth House
 206 Forsey, Reginald G., Backlands Dairy
 207 Forsey, Meryl, Backlands
 208 Forsey, Kathleen J., 3 Hillside
 209 Foster, Adelaide, The Court
 210 Frampton, Ronald C. E., 1 Flat, 2 Manor House
 211 Frampton, Gladys M., 1 Flat, 2 Manor House

212 Frampton, Reuben E., Winton House
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 214 Francis, Eleanor M., Manor House
 215 French, John J., Old Lyme Road
 216 French, Edward J., Old Lyme Road
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 218 Furbear, Beatrice B., 2 Firlands
 219 Furnis, George R., The Shanty, Lower Sea Lane
 220 Furnis, Daisy M., The Shanty, Lower Sea Lane
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 230 Genge, Mona Mary, Foxley Farm
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 232 Gerrard, Mabel E. R., Foxley Cottage
 233 Gibbs, Dora Alice, Portville, Lower Sea Lane
 234 Gilbert, Douglas P., 2 Hillside
 235 Gilbert, Constance M., 2 Hillside
 236 Gollop, Agentia L., Diomede, Old Lyme Hill
 237 Gollop, Lucy K., Baden
 238 Gollop, George, Diomede, Old Lyme Hill
 239 Gollop, Ivan A., Axminster Road
 240 Gollop, Phyllis A., Axminster Road
 241 Goodfellow, John, Sunrise, Axminster Road
 242 Goodfellow, Ada, Sunrise, Axminster Road
 243 Goodley, Hilda L., Bymead
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 245 Gower, Clara, Stanley House
 246 Green, Leonard M., Sunrise
 247 Green, Marianne, Sunrise
 248 Grinter, George, Charmouth
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 250 Grinter, Sidney G., Portland Cottage
 251 Grinter, Lilian G. N., Portland Cottage
 252 Grinter, May B., 1 Hall View
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 255 Groundsell, Harriet S., Oakside, Lower Sea Lane
 256 Grout, Florence M., Fermaine
 257 Grout, Philip, Fermaine
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 259 Habgood, Kathleen Elizabeth, Police Station
 260 Habgood, William G., Police Station
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 262 Haines, Mary L., Ronda
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 264 Hallett, Matilda W. A., 2 Nutcombe Terrace
 265 Hambridge, Rachel L., Minesota
 266 Harp, Margaret D., Rupert House
 267 Harper, Frederick L., Stow House
 268 Harper, Bridie, Stow House
 269 Harris, Harry T., Wistaria House
 270 Harris, Kathleen F., Wistaria House
 271 Harris, Frank, The Court
 272 Harris, Margaret, The Court
 273 Harrison, E. M., Queen's Arms Hotel
 274 Hart, Henry E., New Inn
 275 Hartley, Frank, Park House
 276 Harvey, Peggy C., Lloyds Bank House
 277 Hastie, Rosalie S., Broadlands
 278 Hatton, Nellie W., Shela
 279 Havis, Constance L., 5 Nutcombe Terrace
 280 Havis, A. I., Littlecote
 281 Havis, Harry E., Littlecote
 282 Havis, Cecil J., Littlecote
 283 Hay, Frank G., Rockleaze
 284 Hay, Lilian H., Rockleaze
 285 Hayes, Courtney, Broomhills
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 302 Henry, William E. C., The Stone House
 303 Henry, Grace E., The Stone House
 304 Herbert, Sidney, The Pharmacy
 305 Herbert, Elsie, The Pharmacy
 306 Hewson, Peggie S., Park View
 307 Hitchins, Frances F., Foxley Farm
 308 Hobbs, Martha, 3 Firlands Terrace
 309 Hoch, Mary K., Little Hedges
 310 Hodges, Hannah J., Southlea
 311 Hodges, Alfred G., Southlea
 312 Hodges, Patricia, Commonsides
 313 Hodges, Esther E., Bay View
 314 Holland, Edith M., 2 Council House, Higher Sea Lane
 315 Hollingsworth, Edith M., Hill Corner Cottage
 316 Holly, William B. G., Wistaria House
 317 Holly, Edith, Wistaria House
 318 Holman, Veronica V., 6 Nutcombe Terrace
 319 Holman, Andrew J., 2 Hall View, Lower Sea Lane
 320 Holman, Annie C., 2 Hall View, Lower Sea Lane
 321 Holman, Florence, The Limes
 322 Hook, Flossie M., Grosvenor Cottage
 323 Hopkins, Maisie E., Gresham House
 324 Hopkinson, Charlotte, Old Lyme Road
 325 Hopkinson, Charles, Old Lyme Road
 326 How, Charlie, The Chalet, Lower Sea Lane
 327 How, Florence L., The Chalet, Lower Sea Lane
 328 Hull, Tom Edward O., Cuilin, Higher Sea Lane
 329 Hull, Marjory E., Cuilin, Higher Sea Lane
 330 Hunt, Marian C., Clarence Villa
 331 Hunter, Edward H., George Hotel
 332 Hunter, Edith V., George Hotel
 333 Hunter, Catherine E., Hill View
 334 Hunter, Olive D., Hill View
 335 Hussey, Lilian M., Claremont
 336 Hutchings, Frederick J., Granville House
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 352 Kedge, Henry, Mill View, High Street
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 360 Knight, Jessie L., Lower Reaches
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 363 Lang, Hebe M., Charmouth House Bungalow
 364 Lang, Annie L., Charmouth House Bungalow
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 366 Lang, Georgiana, Lias Lea
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 368 Larcombe, Kathleen M., Rupert House
 369 Laughton, Mary Louise, Park House
 370 Leaver, Eleanor G., The Shanty, Lower Sea Lane
 371 Lefroy, Langlois B., Tillicum
 372 Lefroy, Mary E., Tillicum
 373 Lett, Edith M., Park View

- 362 Linthorne, Evelyn A., 3 Bridge Road
 363 Little, William C., Sandford Cottage
 364 Little, Margery de B., Sandford Cottage
 365 Littlebury, Elizabeth C., Claremont
 366 Lock, John, 2 Higher Sea Lane
 367 Lock, Mary L., 2 Higher Sea Lane
 368 Longbottom, Nora, Melville House
 369 Longbottom, Ellis, Melville House
 370 Loosmore, Richard, Manor Farm
 371 Loosmore, Ella E., Manor Farm
 372 Love, Mercy J., The Shanty
 373 Lucke, Daphne G., Cutty Brae
 374 Luff, Winnifred, Knapp Cottage
 375 Luing, Eva, Park View
 376 Mabson, Agnes, Beech House
 377 Mabson, William H. X., Beech House
 378 Mackay, Ethel A., Clarence Villa
 379 MacNeile-Dixon, Gladys M. E. C., Sunnybank, Lower Sea Lane
 380 Maddox, Mary, Elmsmere
 381 Magawley, Susanna, Little Hedges
 382 Major, Marjorie J., The Shanty, Lower Sea Lane
 383 Malcolm, Ada F., The Retreat
 384 Manley, Norah L., 1 Axminster Road
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 389 Marshall, Daisy E., Oakside, Lower Sea Lane
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 391 Marston, Sydney, Bymead, Charmouth
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 395 Matthews, Elsie E., Charcot, Lower Sea Lane
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 397 Mayne, William E., Holmlea
 398 Mayne, Alice M., Holmlea
 399 Mayne, Joan M., 10 Nutcombe Terrace
 400 McLachlan, Amelia E., Melbourne House
 401 Meade, Nellie Irene, Charmouth School House
 402 Membury, Sarah R., 2 Corner View, High Street
 403 Miller, William F., Star Cottage
 404 Miller, Elsie F., Braconden
 405 Mills, William J., Marwood
 406 Mills, Elizabeth R., Lynn House
 407 Mills, Clara, Marwood
 408 Mitchell, Harry J., 4 Coastguard Cottages, Lower Sea Lane
 409 Mitchell, Nellie M., 4 Coastguard Cottages, Lower Sea Lane
 410 Mizener, Edith J., Foxley
 411 Morris, Ellen, Hammonds Mead
 412 Moss, Kenneth, Bayville
 413 Moss, Alice Elizabeth, The Knoll
 414 Mundy, Albert A., Rockleaze Bungalow
 415 Mundy, Selina A. A., Rockleaze Bungalow
 416 Mundy, Cecil Horace, Mill View
 417 Mundy, Harriett, Mill View, High Street
 418 Mundy, Harriett, Ivydene
 419 Mundy, Robert, Ivydene
 420 Munns, May V. C., Springfield
 421 Naylor, Nathaniel, Hironnelle
 422 Naylor, Eleanor E., Hironnelle
 423 Neat, Eliza, Coatsguard Cottages
 424 Neat, Emily E., Coatsguard Cottages
 425 Newton, Phyllis, Charmouth House Flat, Lower Sea Lane
 426 Newton, Ivy M., 1 Sarum Cottage
 427 Niblett, Rosa M., Mount Cottage
 428 Nicholls, Ethel F. R., Portland View, Roman Road
 429 Nicholls, Evelyn I. B., Alpine Cottage
 430 Nicholson, Helen C., Courtfield
 431 Norman, Edna Margaret, 1 Hollybank, Higher Sea Lane
 432 Norris, Margaret A., Southwood
 433 Norris, Thomas J. M., Southwood

- 434 O'Conner, Hilary, Dunn's Art Shop
 435 Okill, Julia I., Mintaka, High Street
 436 Orman, Frances F., Foxley Farm
 437 Osborne, Dorothy E., Langmoor Manor
 438 Ovens, Claude D., The Rectory
 439 Oxenbury, Leslie J., Romany, Lower Sea Lane
 440 Oxenbury, Dorothy, Romany, Lower Sea Lane
 441 Parkins, George H., Alicia, Lower Sea Lane
 442 Parkins, Alice L., Alicia, Lower Sea Lane
 443 Pavey, Reginald W. J., The Well Head
 444 Pavey, Alice B. R., The Well Head
 445 Pavey, Marguerite E., The Well Head
 446 Peach, Andrew H., The Lilacs
 447 Peach, Emma G., The Lilacs
 448 Pearson, Eveline S. E., High Street
 449 Penny, Frederick G., The Lilacs
 450 Perkins, Yvonne Marie Melville, The Knoll
 451 Peters, Mabel G., Aubrey Cottage
 452 Phipps, Grace W., The Bungalow, Higher Sea Lane
 453 Pick, Mabel M., Langmoor Manor
 454 Pidgeon, Henry W., 10 Nutcombe Terrace
 455 Pidgeon, Jane E., 10 Nutcombe Terrace
 456 Pidgeon, Annie, Old Lyme Road
 457 Pincott, Joyce D., Portland House, High Street
 458 Pollexfen, Shirley G., Albury Cottage
 459 Potter, Vivienne, Greenbank
 460 Pound, Louisa C. S. P., Sea Meadow
 461 Powell, Thomas, Old Lyme Road
 462 Powell, Edmund, 3 Hall View
 463 Powell, Beatrice E., 3 Hall View
 464 Power, Brenan Eileen, Cliff Cottage, Old Lyme Road
 465 Price, Sarah I., High Street
 466 Prince, Thomas, Emsworth House, Lower Sea Lane
 467 Prince, Winifred M., Emsworth House, Lower Sea Lane
 468 Prior, Lucy Kathleen, 1 Hillside
 469 Prior, Geraldine T., 1 Hillside
 470 Pulpher, Alice J., Maycroft
 471 Pulpher, Arthur, Maycroft
 472 Pennick, Mary D., Summer Dene
 473 Quantick, Emily, The Moorings
 474 Randle, Daisy M., The Court
 475 Ransford, Gwendoline O., Charmouth House
 476 Ray, Clara Harriett, Lavender Cottage, Higher Sea Lane
 477 Real, Louisa, Old Lyme Road
 478 Record, Janie, Sunnydene Bungalow
 479 Reed, Walter, Mill View
 480 Reed, George J., Mill View
 481 Reed, Ethel, Mill View
 482 Rees, Agatha R., The Moorings
 483 Reid, Isabel, Fernhill House
 484 Rendell, Walter, The Nook
 485 Rennie, Winnie, Cuilin, Higher Sea Lane
 486 Restorick, George, High Street
 487 Restorick, Renie S., High Street
 488 Richards, Mary E., Claremont
 489 Rhodes, Charlotte, Sunrise
 490 Richards, Emma M., Omega
 491 Roberts, Violet T., Foxley
 492 Rooke, Mark, The Rectory
 493 Rose, Irene H. E., Little Hedges
 494 Ross, James A., Wistaria House
 495 Ross, Maria, Wistaria House
 496 Rowland, George E., 4 Mill View
 497 Rowland, Kate, 4 Mill View
 498 Rump, John, The Royal Oak
 499 Rump, Annie E., The Royal Oak
 500 Sadlier, Georgia E., Forley Ridge
 501 Saffery, Gladys A., Royal Oak Inn
 502 Saffery, Leslie G., New Inn
 503 Sampson, Marjorie J. W., Omega
 504 Samways, Mabel, Seafields
 505 Sansom, William, 5 Council House, Higher Sea Lane
 506 Sansom, Cicely, 5 Council House, Higher Sea Lane
 507 Sargent, Alice S., Mount Cottage
 508 Saville, Ruby B. E., The Star Inn

- 509 Saville, Harold J., The Star Inn
 510 Sawtell, Bessie, Park View
 511 Sawtell, Maggie, Park View
 512 Shand, Margaret E., Thalatta, Higher Sea Lane
 513 Shaw, Gladys E., Avery, Axminster Road
 514 Shaw, Margaretta K., Wood Farm
 515 Sheffield, Edith E., Beech House
 516 Sherrell, Alice J., 2 Manor House
 517 Shillaker, Mary A., Lower Sea Lane
 518 Shipway, Hugh S., Seafields
 519 Shipway, Mabel Y., Seafields
 520 Sibley, Ada M., 3 Firlands Terrace
 521 Silvester, Catherine, Old Lyme Road
 522 Simpson, James F., Clifton, Higher Sea Lane
 523 Simpson, K. F., Clifton, Higher Sea Lane
 524 Sirl, George H., Grange Cottage, Axminster Road
 525 Sirl, Jessie, Grange Cottage, Axminster Road
 526 Sirl, William G. H., Grange Cottage, Axminster Road
 527 Skipper, Phyllis R., Granville House
 528 Slinn, Gertrude M., Foxley Ridge
 529 Sloman, Lily, 1 Hillside Cottage
 530 Sloman, Margery E., 4 Nutcombe Terrace
 531 Smith, Edwin D., Gresham House
 532 Smith, Wm., 2, Wisteria Cottage
 533 Smith, Alice K., Wisteria Cottage
 534 Smith, Phyllis, Marwood
 535 Smith, Harold Bert, The Bakery
 536 Smith, Percy H. E., Hersleigh, Lower Sea Lane
 537 Smith, Douglas, 5 Higher Sea Lane
 538 Smithyes, Walter S., The Bungalow, Seadowns
 539 Snell, Florence A., Portville, Lower Sea Lane
 540 Spurdle, Ernest A., Rose Cottage
 541 Spurdle, Hetty L. R., Rose Cottage
 542 Spurdle, Joyce, Rose Cottage
 543 Spurdle, Walter, Poplars
 544 Spurdle, Ethel M., Poplars
 545 Stamp, Elizabeth, Melbourne House
 546 Stamp, Henry, Melbourne House
 547 Starke, Winifred D., Little Silver
 548 Stephens, Elizabeth Ellen, Rupert House, High Street
 549 Stewart, A. M. C., Marwood, Lower Sea Lane
 550 Stirk, John C., 9 Nutcombe Terrace
 551 Stirk, Martha A., 9 Nutcombe Terrace
 552 Stirk, Nancy F., 9 Nutcombe Terrace
 553 Stokes, John W., Thatch Cottage, Axminster Road
 554 Stokes, Lilian E., Thatch Cottage, Axminster Road
 555 Stokes, Wm. S., Thesany, Old Lyme Road
 556 Stokes, Matilda, Thesany, Old Lyme Road
 557 Stork, Ada F., Brackendale, Axminster Road
 558 Stork, Cecil J., Brackendale, Axminster Road
 559 Stork, Harry, Brackendale
 560 Summers, May V. L., Charmouth House
 561 Swan, Bridget, 1 Sarum Cottage
 562 Symes, Emma, Alberta Cottage
 563 Talbot, Lily M., The Cottage
 564 Taylor, Frances E., Primrose Cottage
 565 Taylor, Arthur E., Downside
 566 Taylor, Eileen P., Downside
 567 Taylor, Isabel A., Lily Farm
 568 Taylorson, Rosa A. T., Park View
 569 Theobald, Walter A. S., Haere Mai, Lower Sea Lane
 570 Theobald, Anne O., Haere Mai, Lower Sea Lane
 571 Theobald, Margaret E., Haere Mai, Lower Sea Lane
 572 Thomas, Elizabeth D., Sandford Cottage
 573 Thompson, Ethel M., Drapers, High Street
 574 Thompson, Gertrude M., Mintaka
 575 Thurgood, Elinor, Saybrook
 576 Thurgood, Peggy, Saybrook
 577 Toms, John, Ye Nook
 578 Toms, Rose, Ye Nook
 579 Tosetti, Lynette L., Foxley Dene
 580 Toy, Cecilia Annie, The School House
 581 Toyne, George A. Dryden, The Shack
 582 Toyne, Lydia M., The Shack
 583 Toyne, Vera M. M., The Shack
 584 Trevett, James B., 2 Axminster Road

- 585 Trevett, Emily F., 2 Axminster Road
 586 Trevett, Dorothy H., 2 Axminster Road
 587 Trevett, Walter, 2 Nutcombe Terrace
 588 Trott, Daisy, 12 Nutcombe Terrace
 589 Tucker, Audrey M. E., Peria
 590 Tunstall, Ada J., Crockers, Axminster Road
 591 Turner, Ethel W., 1 Nutcombe Terrace
 592 Turner, Rowland L., Suntrap
 593 Turner, Mabel L., Suntrap
 594 Turner, Annie, 4 Bridge Road
 595 Turner, Henry Louis, 2 Bridge Road
 596 Turner, Hanora, 2 Bridge Road
 597 Turner, Joe, 4 Firlands Terrace
 598 Turner, Freda R., 4 Firlands
 599 Turner, Edwin S., 4 Firlands
 600 Tyson, William C., New Inn
 601 Tyson, Emily K., New Inn
 602 Upton, William, Devonedge Hotel
 603 Upward, Claude Montague, 1 Firlands Terrace
 604 Upward, Vera T., 1 Firlands Terrace
 605 Underwood, Kathleen I., Lloyds Bank
 606 Underwood, Florence, 2 Holly Bank
 607 Udy, Gertrude Mary, Hope Cottage, Axminster Road
 608 Udy, John James, Hope Cottage, Axminster Road
 609 Veryard, Olive B. E., Askew House
 610 Vidler, George, Lee Cottage
 611 Vidler, Mabel B., Lee Cottage
 612 Voules, Leila de Lisle, Pembroke
 613 Wallwork, Stanley, Cutty Brae
 614 Watkins, Granida Jay, Sonamerg
 615 Watson, Hugh S., Sea View, Lower Sea Lane
 616 Watson, Harriet E., Seaview, Lower Sea Lane
 617 Watson, Maud E. E., Hammonds Mead
 618 Webster, George E., Springfield, Axminster Road
 619 Webster, Mabel T., Springfield, Axminster Road
 620 Weir, Muriel R., Sonamerg
 621 West, Helena L., Grange House
 622 West, John, Luttrell House
 623 West, Gertrude, Luttrell House
 624 West, Barbara D., Luttrell House
 625 West, Walter, Ronda, Lower Sea Lane
 626 Whatmore, Lily, Peria
 627 White, Kathleen F., Foxley Ridge
 628 White, Harold C., 3 Nutcombe Terrace
 629 White, Vera O. M., 3 Nutcombe Terrace
 630 White, Lionel W., 2 Firlands Terrace
 631 White, Mary E., 2 Firlands
 632 Whitmore, Alfred G., 7 Bridge Road
 633 Whitmore, Hestor A., 7 Bridge Road
 634 Whitmore, Eva K., 28 Coastguard Cottages, Lower
 Sea Lane
 635 Whitmore, George H., Coastguard Cottages, Lower
 Sea Lane
 636 Whitmee, Louisa M., Wisteria House
 637 Whittingham, Louisa F., Park View
 638 Whittington, Alice D., The Limes
 639 Whittington, Julia W., Charmouth Lodge
 640 Whittington, Ellinor B. M., Charmouth Lodge
 641 Wicks, Mabel Lily, Park House
 642 Wileman, Gertrude H., Berwick Cottage
 643 Willsmer, Daphne G., The Knoll, Upper Sea Lane
 644 Wilkinson, Marie S., Foxley Dene
 645 Wilson, Frances S. E., Sonamerg
 646 Wines, Alice G., Queen's Arms Hotel
 647 Winnert, May I. E., Springfield, Axminster Road
 648 Wiscombe, Uda C., Littlecote
 649 Witte, Florence J., Westcliffe, Higher Sea Lane
 650 Woodhouse, Charles J., Langmoor Manor
 651 Woodland, Ella M., Grasmere
 652 Woodroffe, Arthur C., Alberta Cottage
 653 Woodroffe, Margaret D., Alberta Cottage
 654 Wooldridge, Emma M. C., The Rosary
 655 Woollard, Mabel A. A., 5 Bridge Road
 656 Worts, Amy, Sea Meadow, Upper Sea Lane
 657 Yarrow, Mary J., Baden Cottage
 658 Yarrow, Mary O., Baden Cottage
 659 Yarrow, Elsie W., Baden Cottage
 660 Yarrow, Ethel L., Baden Cottage
 661 York, Grace O., Haere Mai
 662 Young, Robert, Fernhill Cottage
 663 Young, Nellie C., Fernhill Cottage
 664 Young, Beatrice M., Minsons Common

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SERVICE REGISTER (X)


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Shire Hall,
Dorchester. 7th May, 1945.

C. P. BRUTTON,
Electoral Registration Officer.

Name and Address.	Conse- cutive No.	Name and Address.
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Bear, Horace George Philip, Lane End	41	Innes, Anthony Walter, Moorings
Bowditch, Alfred George 11 Nutcombe Terrace	42	Keats, William Albert Hill, 2 Manor House
Bray Alan Edward, Maycroft	43	Kennedy, William Hall, Fernhill
Brown Herbert Henry, 5 Higher Sea Lane	44	Knight, Arthur Stanley, Lower Reaches
Brown, Herbert Henry, Mill Cottage	45	Linthorne, Leonard Joseph, 3 Bridge Road
Butt, William Henry John, Holmlea	46	Lock, Herbert Charles John, 2 Higher Sea Lane
Byrde, William, Old Coastguard	47	Love, Howard John, The Shanty, Lower Sea Lane
Carter, Bernard, The Cottage	48	Maddox, Samuel, Knapp Stores
Carter, Cedric Oswald, The Cottage	49	Major, Wallace White, The Shanty
Chamberlain, Arthur George, Askew House	50	McLachlan, Frederick, Melbourne House
Cox, William George, Thistlegate Cottage	51	Norman, Herbert James, Hollybank
Dancy, Stanley Bert, 2 Hollybank, Higher Sea Lane	52	Perkins, Geoffrey Charles, The Knoll
Davis, Babette, The Cottage	53	Pincott, Arthur, Portland House
Duke, William Charles, 4 Nutcombe Terrace	54	Record, Edwin James, Sunnydene Bungalow
Elliott, William, Star Cottage	55	Ransford, Robert Kenneth, Charmouth House
Farmer, Alfred Thomas, Grange House	56	Russell, Sidney Cumine, Thistlegate
Farrant, Samuel Robert, Littlecote	57	Sherrell, George Ernest, 2 Manor House
Fletcher, Bernard Campbell, Old Manor House	58	Smith, William Leonard, Wisteria Cottage, Axminster Road
Forsey, Charles William, 3 Hillside	59	Stamp, Gilbert Henry, Melbourne House
French, William Louis, Old Lyme Road	60	Stewart, Gordon Walter Francis, Marwood, Lower Sea Lane
Gilbert, Joan Constance, Hillside	61	Swan, George, Sarum Cottage
Gollop, Spencer Ivan, Axminster Road	62	Taylor, Ronald George, Lily Farm
Gollop, Roy Ernest, Old Lyme Hill	63	Thomas, Thomas Wilfred James, 2 Firlands
Gower, Jean Lavinia Mary, Stanley House	64	Toyne, Leslie Audrey Nora, The Shack
Grinter, Clifford Ernest, Portland Cottage	65	Trevett, William David, 2 Axminster Road
Grinter, Edward Harry, Old Lyme Road	66	Trott, Henry, 12 Nutcombe Terrace
Grinter, Fred, 7 Nutcombe Terrace	67	Turner, Bertram Fred, 4 Firlands
Grinter, John William George, 1 Hall View	68	Waldy, Edward Garmondsway, Sonamerg, Higher Sea Lane
Grinter, Tom G., Foxley Farm	69	Webster, Lawrence Bernard, Springfield, Axminster Road
Harvey, Leonard Garland, Bank House	70	Webster, Wilfred Hugh, Springfield, Axminster Road
Hastie, William Archibald, Broadlands	71	Webster, Winifred Mary, Springfield, Axminster Road
Havis, George, 5 Nutcombe Terrace	72	Whatmore, Francis Harry, Peria
Hayes, Margaret, Broomhills	73	Woollard, Richard Bulkeley, 5 Bridge Road
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July, 1942, to ———  ——— December, 1942

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H.M.S. 'Dorsetshire' Replacement Campaign

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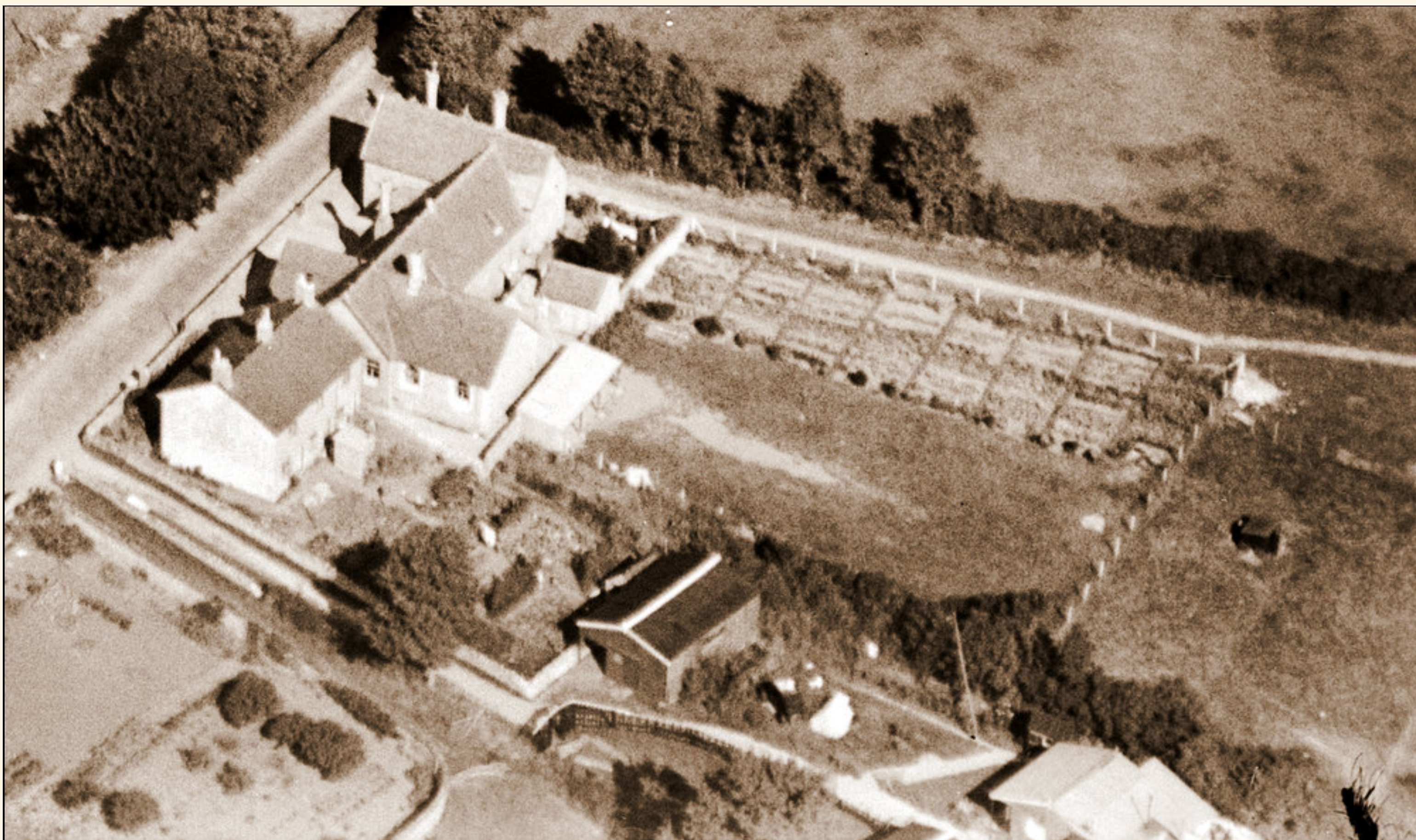
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I EXTEND MY THANKS TO ALL CONCERNED
IN THIS IMPORTANT NATIONAL SERVICE.

Archibald Sinclair
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR



Village Life in Charmouth during the Second World War

In my collection of postcards of Charmouth, I have a wonderful photograph showing the Home Guard in 1944 taken by Claude Hider of Bridport. When enlarged up you can clearly see the faces of these former inhabitants of the Village. I have placed these images on my Website, for others to enjoy, especially their descendants. We are fortunate as usual that our famous local historian, Reginald Pavey was able at the time to add names to these men. I have since been able to locate the Electoral Roll in the Dorset Record Office for that year and found the addresses of where they lived. It also showed that there were 664 people able to vote in that year with a secondary list of 74 men who were in the services. This has spurred me on to research all available information from books and residents who lived then to build up a picture of how the village may have appeared at that time. Ron and Jean Dampier have been especially helpful with their insights.

Charmouth had originally a defensive role, but as the war went on this became offensive and the village adapted accordingly, leading up to the D Day landings. Many of the village men were called away to the armed services and the women were drawn into essential industries and farm work and there was also the arrival of the evacuees. Even as early as 1939, British troops were billeted in the village who were concerned with coastal defence. Preparations were badly needed as the area around Lyme Regis was where Hitler planned to invade as it provided a springboard towards Bristol. In May 1940 the concrete anti-tank blocks were built along the shore, as well as Pillboxes at Black Venn, in front of the old cement works, and another on the other side of the river at the shoreline. Others were built at Seadown, on Lower Sea Lane where the new school stands, on Higher Sea Lane by the top of the old allotments, and at Five Acre field at the rear of Jasmine Cottage, which has miraculously survived to this day. There would also be a Searchlight in the field next to the wooden bridge and an anti-aircraft battery on the outskirts of the village at Lily Farm.

Fred Welsh who served in the D company 9th Battalion Durham Light Infantry was involved with the defences and tells how they had to remove everyone from the Caravan Park with just 24 hours' notice. They laid masses of barbed wire, which the local Coastguard warned them was too near the shore. He was proved right one night after a storm and they had to re-lay it further back. Fred also had to patrol along the beach, but was later given telephone duty at Thalatta, where they were based, in case they received the call for a German invasion, which was to never thankfully come. His duties included manning the road blocks and gate to the beach. Rest periods were spent at the army barracks in Bridport.

Very few images have survived of Charmouth during the Second World War, but there is an aerial photograph taken soon after in 1946, which is very useful. Many of the fields between the Street and the beach were divided up into allotments. It also shows the line of anti-tank concrete blocks, known as the "Dragons Teeth" stretching along the shore. They were originally joined together by metal poles to prevent tanks moving inland to the main Road. A few have survived and can be seen today. The cliffs and neighbouring fields were mined, and one sad result of this was when a Cow stepped on one at Stonebarrow and was blown up, which was later recorded in an illustration for The Dorset Women's Institute Book. There were to be frequent dog fights overhead during the Battle of Britain. Bridport was to have two bombing raids in 1942 resulting in 20 houses being destroyed and seven deaths. In the same year a listening post was built at the top of Stonebarrow Lane, where translators intercepted the radio communications between German aircraft as they crossed the coast. But The Radar Station fell over the cliff almost as soon as it was built and can still be seen today at the bottom of the cliff.

The School Log Book documents events as they unfolded in the village as the war went on. Trenches were being planned in the field behind it even before the war had started. The arrival of evacuees from Paddington, then a poor part of London, was another significant chapter in the village's history. The lack of space meant that they were to have to convert a Pavilion behind the school for additional space. They were mainly to stay with families at the bottom end of the village, which was to create a degree of rivalry with village children at the top. The most tragic entries concern Mr Thornton, a teacher who came with the evacuees in September 1939, who is shown to have had his house bombed in January 1941. The following year he is called up and was killed in action in Italy on Nov 23rd 1943.

Thalatta is the nearest house to the beach and was commandeered by the army in 1940 and was to be briefly occupied by 12 men and a Lieutenant who had a 2 pounder gun mounted on the back of an old lorry. Derrick Warren, who as a boy spent his holidays in a Caravan at the neighbouring Red Bungalow owned by his Aunt, provides a vivid picture of those times as follows:

"At two o'clock in the morning of 5th September I was awakened (the caravan doors were open) by the noise of the troops being called out. I went over and was told invasion was imminent and would I go up on the cliff with the Lieutenant and act as a runner. The sea was dead calm and with a bright moon the conditions were ideal as there was also a slight haze. I remember thinking 'that is it'. But the Germans never came for it was a false alarm - not an exercise. Later I saw my first German Plane shot down, from the cliff top above Cains Folly. After the dog fight three crewmen jumped - two parachutes opened, the third 'candled'. A RAF rescue launch came out from Lyme and picked them all up. A Chard doctor, Dr. Granvill, pronounced one dead and he is buried in Lyme Cemetery. The Lieutenant in charge at Charmouth was a keen swimmer and had a hole left in the defences so that he could get to the beach. I was also allowed to use it and had the whole beach to myself (Golden Cap to Lyme!) but on the strict understanding I did not go up the cliffs, for many were mined. For days on end never saw a sole and never wore a stitch!" The Home Guard positions on the East Cliff could cover the beach and they later had a five-pounder installed there with a limited number of shells.

The area between the Street and the beach was mainly fields with just a few houses. The largest was Hammonds Mead to be found at the end of a long drive, at the bottom of Lower Sea Lane. Here lived the elderly, Miss Gertrude Evans, who generously gave the Parish Council in 1945 a number of adjoining fields as long as they were never built on. She was a staunch supporter of the Mission to Seamen and each year had a Fete there that raised money for that charity. On the opposite side to her house could be found the Wayside Tea Gardens which was run by Florence and Martha Kempster. The most significant building in the lane was the old School. It's Log Book is held at the Record Office in Dorchester and is very revealing of how events at the time impinged on the children's lives. The most interesting are as follows:

1938

29 th Sept Instructions for Air Raid Precautions in Schools were sent to all schools.

5 th Oct An Education Official visited the school to enquire into plans for the provision of A.R.P. trenches in the field behind the school.

1939

21 st Sept some evacuees began to return home.

9 th Oct Doctor and nurse inspected evacuees and found one verminous head and two cases of impetigo.

23 rd Oct Air Raid Drill taken.

1940

31 st May Meeting to consider Air Raid Precautions. Children to lie on the floor under the desks. Cellophane strips on windows, and fine mesh wire fitted to all windows, skylights and glass doors.

17 th July County Architect visited the school to discuss the possibility of constructing trenches in the school playing field.

29 th August Children picking and selling blackberries to augment the school contribution towards the Spitfire which Dorset hoped to provide.

17 th Oct Children taken to gather acorns for pig keepers.

1941

13 th Jan Mr. Thornton returned to London. His house had been bombed.

5 th Feb Respirators inspected by A.R.P. Wardens.

20 th May Letter from Dorset Education Committee regarding holidays, and children helping in hay, corn and potato harvesting. Letter should be sent to local farmers asking for their requirements and stating terms on which children might be employed.

22 nd May In connection with the War Weapons Week at 3.0p.m. the children formed a procession at the top of the hill and marched to the Playing Field where Children's Sports were held.

12 th Sept Use of school by troops for weekly dance - month's trial.

1942

6 th Jan Mr. Thornton joined His Majesty's Forces

27 th March At 3.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. a Warship Week Entertainment was given in the school. Most of the children took part. £12.15.0d given to Exchequer.

1 st May A discussion of behaviour of troops at dances. Mr. Toyne interviewed the C.O. and asked for the attendance of a senior N.C.O. at dances.

1 st Sept 18 children sent flax pulling at Bafferlands Farm, and for the following 4 afternoons at 8d per hour.

21 st Sept Classes 1 & 2 picked rose hips in the afternoon. 31 lbs were sent to Bristol.

25 th Nov Architect called to discuss Air Raid Shelters.

7 th Dec A.R.P. to be notified daily of attendances. Anyone hiring school must provide own fuel. Military occupied Church Hall.

1943

29 th March Annual report on teachers made by Head Teacher. Managers commented on Head. Easter holiday to be fixed to coincide with potato planting. Other holidays to be fixed at short notice with reference to local individual needs. Mrs. Little expressed regret that children were paid for agricultural work when they should be encouraged to give willing help to their country.

27 th May Mayor of Bridport presented Certificate awarded to the school for the part played in the successful H.M.S. Dorsetshire Replacement Campaign. School contributed £245.7.6d

11 th June The school target for Wings Week was £80. £160 was raised.