HORACE JOHN MILLMAN, Private 17238, 457th Agri. Coy, Labour Corps

Horace was born on January 18 1893 in Pancrasweek, near Holsworthy in Devon. The Millmans were a Devon family; father William was born at Pancrasweek, and was farming at Puckland Farm in 1901. By 1911 the family had moved to Castle Farm, Buckland St Mary, possibly because of the death in 1910 of William, aged 59, leaving the farm in the charge of his widow Elizabeth and oldest son William. There were originally 9 children in the family, but by 1911 four had died (the 1911 Census asked for this statistic).

Horace moved to Buckland with the rest of the family, but probably after 1911. By the time his father died he was 17, and the next year, 1911, he was living with his uncle John Millman's family, farming near Holsworthy at Youldon, Sutcombe, and working as a trapper on the farm. He's included with the family at Castle Farm on the Absent Voters List of 1918.

The Absent Voters List places him as Private 17238, 457th Agricultural Company, Labour Corps, but no record of him can be found in a search through Ancestry: no Military record, no mention in the 1939 Register of England and Wales. The search is complicated by the fact that another Horace John Millman was born in 1893; he went into the Navy in 1908, and all the Millman records concern him and a Horace Frank Millman, born 1895 and also a Naval pensioner.

However, a brief mention is made of him in The Courier in May 1916, when his mother appealed for him at the Military Tribunal. This establishes that he was working for her at Castle Farm, and that he must have joined the Army after August 1916: she appeals for him to stay on the farm till the end of August to help with the haymaking; this is granted.

The 457th served in Perth, Scotland in the War. A Horace John Millman died in 1967, aged 74, in the Honiton area, and this is probably the correct Horace; his date of birth is correct, and he was living at a cottage near Axminster. The other Horace John had died in 1953 in Plymouth. The following information about the Labour Corps may throw some light on the difficulty of finding information:

'The Corps grew to some 389,900 men (more than 10% of the total size of the Army) by the Armistice. Of this total, around 175,000 were working in the United Kingdom and the rest in the theatres of war. The Corps was manned by officers and other ranks who had been medically rated below the "A1" condition needed for front line service. Many were returned wounded. Labour Corps units were often deployed for work within range of the enemy guns, sometimes for lengthy periods...... The Corps always suffered from its treatment as something of a second class organization: for example, the men who died are commemorated under their original Regiment, with Labour Corps being secondary. Researching men of the Corps was made more difficult by this ...' Forces War Records, online

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EXEMPTED FOR THE HAYMAKING.—Mrs. Millman, of Castle Farm, Buckland St. Mary, appealed on behalf of her son, Horace John Millman, employed with his brother on a farm of 289 acres. Appellant stated that the son for whom she was appealing had managed the farm with his brother William since their father's death. Owing to the nature of the ground it took two men to work the horses. Before the war they could get little casual labour, but that was unobtainable now. She was only asking that her son might stay and assist in the haymaking.— Exempted until August 1st.

FARMER AND TAILOR.—Mrs. Mary Tudball, of

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177	Dickinson, William Francis	Kingweston House	Capt., 1st Garr. Batt., Hants. Regt.	177
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178	Citation, C.	North Park	Stoker 41228 R.N., H.M.S. "Lupen"	
179	,	Post Office	49583 Co.Q.M.S., M.G.C., 2nd Div. Bgd., 91, York St., Westminster	180
81	Merriott, Colin	Lower Street	27619 Sig., 10th Bn., K. Shrops. L.I.	181
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183		High Street	47043 Pte., 15th Bn., E. Lancs. Regt.	. 183
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85		Lower Street	13545 Pte. 10th Devons	185
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188	Pook, William	Blackwater	Dorset Rgt.	188
189	Spiller, Thomas John	Bugg's Moor	47372 7th W. Riding Rgt., E.C., No. 2 R.F.	189
190	Walter, Richard John	Grange House	A.S.C.	190
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191	Berry, William Devonport	Pinnevs	4454 Tpr., Gds. M.G.C.	191
192	Collins, Wilfred Edgar	Little Forest	500078 Pte., 652 Agri. Coy., Lab. Cps.	192
193	Durman, Frederick Edwin	Redric Hill	620296 Gnr., 18th Bde. R.H.A.	193
194		Redric Hill	108305, R.F.C.	194
195		Coomsbury	27698, D.C.L.I.	195
196		Coomsbury Farm	72503 Pte., 31st Middx. Rgt.	196
197	Goodland, Ernest	Newtown	205262 Pte., 3rd Bn., Bedford	197
198	Greenslade, Cecil	Moorsick	95702 Gnr., Tank Cps., Alexandria	198
199	Greenslade Richard Samuel	Moorsick	Lieut., R.F.C.	199
200	Hardwell, James	Trott's Castle	R/3577, A.B. Drake Bn., R.N.D.	200
201		Beehive Farm	120096 Pnr., 370 For. Coy., R.E.	201
202	Hoare, Gilbert	Lower Blindmoor	1994 Pte., 1st Royal Marines, R.N.D.	202
203		Castle Comfort	26759 Pte., 3rd S.L.I.	203
204	Hooper, Walter Robert	Castle Comfort	K/9742 Str., R.N., H.M.S. "Marlborough"	204
205	Knight, Arthur	Coal Furze	94224 Pte., 221 Coy., M.G.C.	205
206	Knight, Samuel	Meanwood	13835 Pte., S.L.I.	206
207		Laurel Cottage	61134 Pte., 187th Coy., M.G.C.	207
208	B Lang, William Henry	Laurel Cottage	230447 S.Q.M.S., 1/1st Dorset Yeo.	208
209	Love, Ernest	Little Hill	34000 Pte., 57 Agr. Coy., Lab. Cps.	209
210	Manning, James Henry	Eagle Tavern	266175, Devon Rgt.	210
211		Eagle Tavern	266297, Devon Rgt.	211
212		Castle Farm	226190, R.F.A.	212
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201	Harris, Thomas	Beehive Farm	120096 Pnr., 370 For. Coy., R.E.	201
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210	Manning, James Henry	Eagle Tavern	266175 Cpl., 1/6th Devon Rgt., No. 2 Wireless Sqdn., L. of C., Mesop.	210
211	Manning, William John	Eagle Tavern	266297, Devon Rgt.	211
212	Millman, Cecil Richard	Castle Farm	226190, R.F.A., 4th Training Depot, India	212
213	Millman, Horace John	Castle Farm	17238 Pte., 457th Agri. Coy., Lab. Cps.	213
214	Shire, Alfred Edward	Swaddle's Green	22450, 1st S.L.I.	214
215	Wyatt, Charlie	Keat's Mill	202170 Pte., 2/4th Bn., S.L.I.	215
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