WILLIAM HENRY FAYTER, PRIVATE 72503 5th or 6th RESERVE BATTALION, 31st MIDDLESEX REGIMENT PRIVATE 2/5th BEDFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

9 MARCH 1887-1970

William was the older son of Harry, or Henry, Fayter and his wife Catherine. The family, traceable back through earlier Censuses, seem for many years to have been settled in the Aylesbeare/Newton Poppleford/Woodbury area, and William was born in Woodbury in March 1887. They were not a large family, two sons and a daughter, and in 1911 were still living in Globe Hill, Woodbury – except that on Census day Harry, who was a carpenter and joiner, happened not to be there. We haven't yet been able to trace where he was. In 1894 William began at Woodbury Church of England Primary School. By 1911 he was, like his father, a carpenter and joiner.

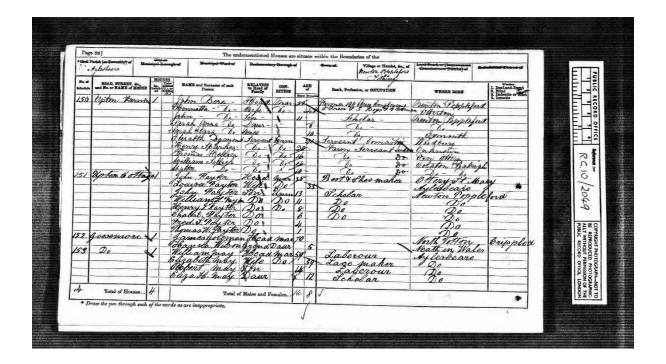
We then lose sight of William until he re-appears in the Army as a Private in the 31st Middlesex Regiment. His link with BSM is his appearance, with his brother William, on the 1918 Absent Voters' Register at Coomsbury [Combesbury], along with his parents on the regular 1918 Register of Electors. His parents then disappear from the Register - his father had died in 1918, and his mother moved elsewhere.

Things went poorly for William after call-up; uniquely among the soldiers associated with BSM he had registered as a Conscientious Objector. He could have been assigned to the Non-Combatant Corps, but for some men this was not good enough – they wished for total exemption from military service. If this was not granted, any resistance was a punishable offence, which seems to have been the case for William.

At the beginning of this process, his address was given as 137 Dale St, Chatham, probably because the 5th and 6th Battalions of his regiment, the 31st Middlesex, were stationed at Chatham. At some point in the process he must have been transferred to 2/5th Bedfordshire Regiment, because it's while part of this unit, on 13 September 1916, that the main charges of 'Insubordination and Disobedience', and an offence against a Company Serjeant Major, are brought against him. He was sentenced to 1 year's Hard Labour, remitted to 8 months. He is held, the records state, at Harrogate, which might mean Richmond Prison, the scene of many confrontations between authority and the Conscientious Objectors.

We don't know anything of the post-war consequences for him – maybe there were none – but in 1924 he married Gertrude Lillington in Poole. Staying in the area they had two sons, Lawrence in 1928 and Harold in 1925. By 1939 they were living at Nursery Road in Bournemouth; William was still working as a carpenter, and they had another carpenter and a paperhanger/decorator living with them. William died in Poole in 1970.

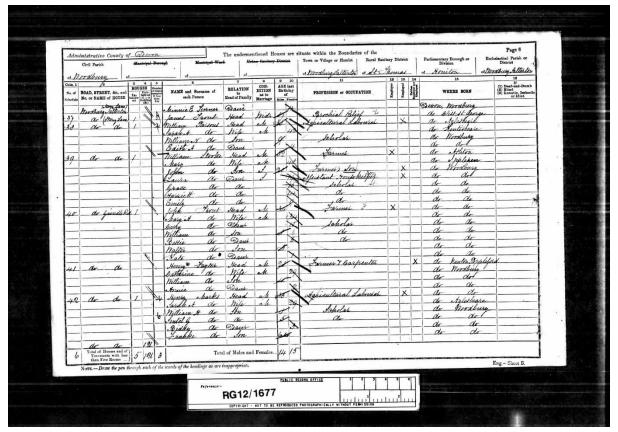
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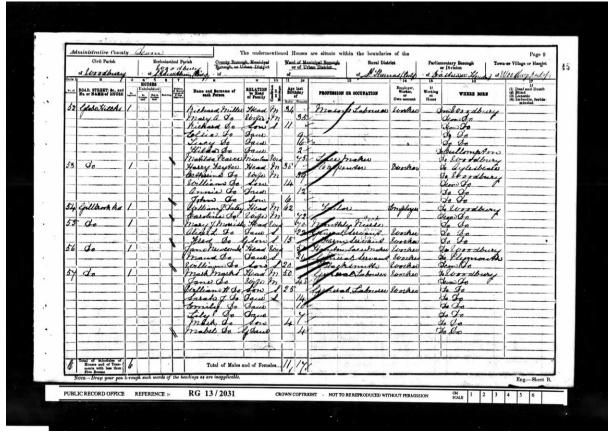
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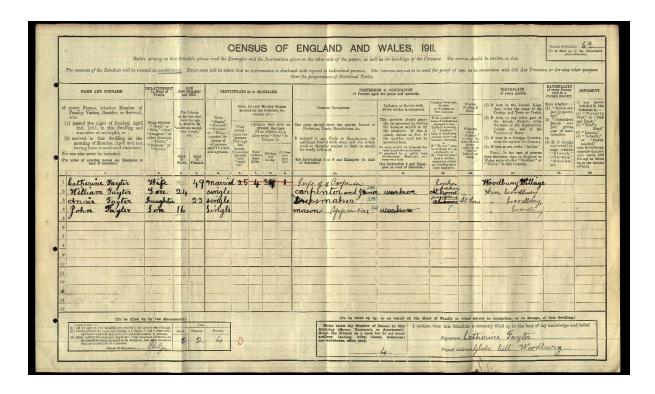
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ORTERTON is a parish and village on the eastern bank of the river Otter, near the English Channel and the road from Sidmouth to Topsham, with a station called East Budleigh on the branch line of the London and South Western railway from Tipton St. John to Budleigh Salterton; it is 3½ miles south-west-by-west from Sidmouth and 12 south-east from Exeter, in the Eastern division of the county, East Budleigh hundred, petty sessional division of Woodbury, union of St. Thomas, county court district of Exeter, rural deanery of Aylesbeare and arch-deaconry and diocese of Exeter. The village is supplied with water from Peak Hill, laid on in 1905, and including hydrants for use in case of fire; there is also an efficient drainage system. The church of St. Michael was rebuilt, with the exception of the ancient tower, in 1871 by Lady Rolle, at a cost of about £12,000, under the direction of the late Mr. Benjamin Ferrey F.S.A. and is an edifice of stone in the Decorated style and consists of chancel, nave of four bays, sisles, north and south porches and a tower with low spire at the east end of the south aisle, containing a clock with chimes and 6 bells: the very fine carved stone reredos, the pulpit and other carved work in the church was executed by Hems, of Exeter, and there are brasses to the Duke family, to whom the manor was granted by Henry VIII.; these include one to Richard Duke esq. ob. 1641, with 5 sons and 2 daughters, and another to Sarah (Reynell), wife of Robert Duke esq. ob. 1641, with 3 sons and 5 daughters: the piers of the nave arcade are formed of single shafts of marble; there are 650 sittings. The register dates from the year 1559. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £320, including 24 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Lord Clinton, and held since 1910 by the Rev. Bichard Seymour B.A. of Keble College, Oxford. Here is a Wesleyan chapel, built in x894 and seating about 100 persons. There are charities of about £40 yearly, chiefly arising from the interest of £1,000, given

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bourists. Here was anciently a Benedictine priory, which, in the reign of King John, was a cell to the Abbey of Mount St. Michael, in Normandy; at the Dissolution the revenues were estimated at £37. Lord Clinton is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is partly heavy and partly light loam; subsoil is chiefly red sand. The crops are wheat, barley, oats and roots. The area is 3,431 acres of land, 15 of water, 12 of tidal water and 122 of foreshore; rateable value, £4,121; the population in 1911 was 617, including Dotton farm and mill.

NORTHMOSTOWN, 33 miles north; PASSAFORD, 2 north; PITSON, 25 north, and PINN, 2 north-east, are hamlets in this parish. Sexton, Lewis Till

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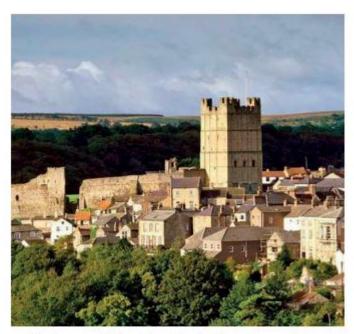
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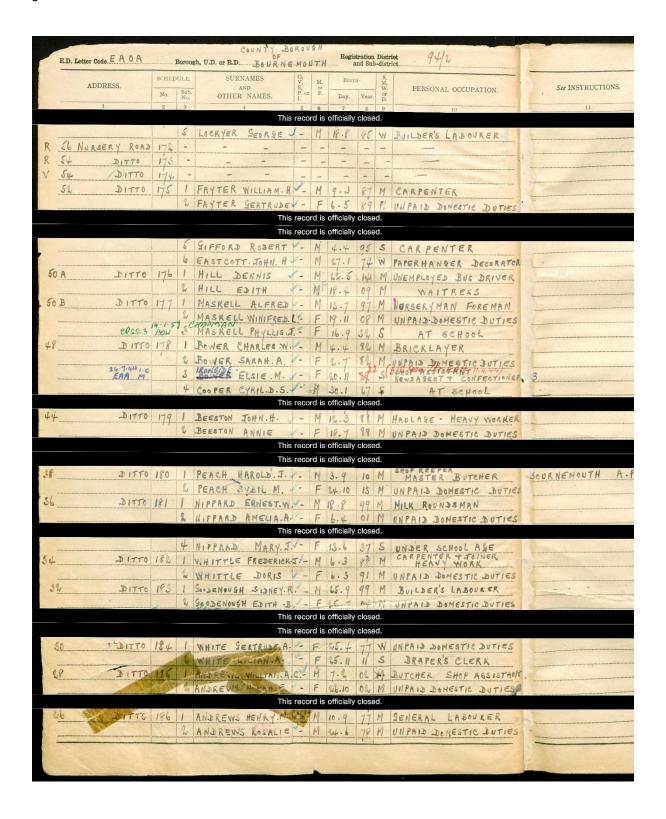
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Richmond Castle, Yorkshire – used as a prison during WWI



The Fayter brothers, researched and written by Mike Canham; this formed the basis for these biographies.

There is no direct Fayter/BSM link on Ancestry or Find My Past

I think – because the two brothers names show, and the Otterford residence in 1920 to 1923 – these two were born in Woodbury, Devon

Parents

Harry John Fayter - born 1st May 1862 in Aylesbeare, Devon; died in Chard (this probably means Chard District) on 29th November 1918. Harry was a farmer and carpenter.

Catherine jane Fayter (nee Troake) – born about 1862 in Woodbury, Devon; died 11th April 1935 in Christchurch (then Hampshire, now Dorset).

. By the time John was born they were living in Globe Hill Road.

JOHN FAYTER

Born 23rd August 1894. the family were living in Globe Hill Road in Woodbury, Devon in Woodbury, Devon;

1901 Census – still living in Woodbury, Devon

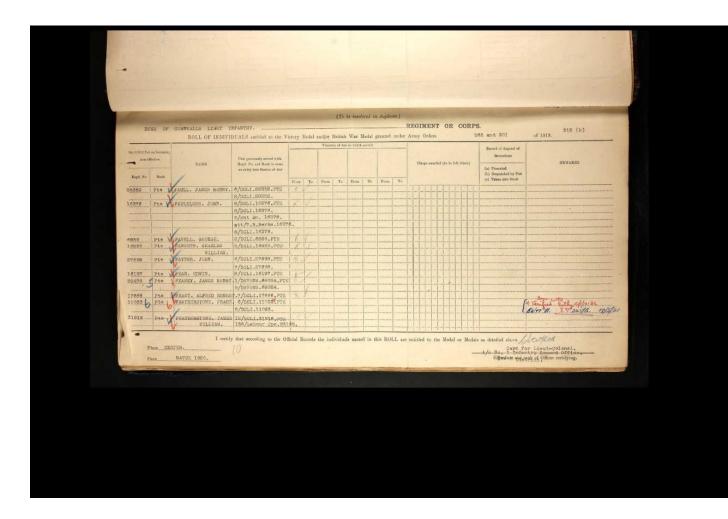
1911 Census – still living at Globe Hill, Woodbury, Devon with parents/brother/sister. At 16/17 years old he was a Mason's Apprentice.

War time service – a Private in the 6th Bttn (and later the 7th Bttn), the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, Service No 27698.

Both the 6th and 7th Battalions were part of Kitchener's New Army. The 6th (Service) Battalion was formed in Bodmin, August 1914 under the command of 43rd Brigade in 14th (Light) Division. They were deployed to the Western Front landing in Boulogne on 22nd May 1915; remaining there until they were disbanded in France on 20th February 1918. The 7th (Service) Battalion was formed in Bodmin in September 1914 under the command of 61st Brigade in 20th (Light) Division. They were deployed to the Western Front landing in Boulogne on 25th July 1915, remaining there until the end of the war in 1918.

John was not awarded the 1914-15 Medal – indicating he joined later and may well have been conscripted. That said, Forces War Records attributes his service record to 1914?





Awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

On 26th March 1916 he married Annie Carter - born 11th June 1893 at Heavitree, Woodbury, Devon; died 23rd March 1923

Home address - Coombsbury Farm in 1918 (Absent Voters Register)

Daughter Marjery was born on 18th March 1920 in Otterford – she died three days later.

• **Birth of Daughter Marjory Fayter**(1920–1920)

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• **Death of Daughter Marjory Fayter** (1920–1920)

21 Mar 1920 • Otterford, Somerset, England

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23 Mar 1923 • School Farm, Otterford, Somerset, England

On 23rd March 1923 John's wife Annie died (family living at School Farm, Otterford).

Death of Wife Annie Carter(1893–1923)

23 Mar 1923 • School Farm, Otterford, Somerset, England (Ancestry)

In 1926 John married again – his second wife was Ethel May Gillard – born 1a6th August 1892 in Taunton, died 22nd April 1987 in Bampton, Tiverton, Devon.

John and Ethel had three children – John G Fayter was born in Wellington in the 2nd Q of 1927; followed by twins Reginald and Stanley (oddly Reginald was shown as born in Wellington and Stanley in Culmstock! on 22nd May 1930. Tragedy was to strike the family again as Stanley died on 17th August 1930, just five months old.

In 1938 John and Ethel, and their two surviving children John G and Reginald, were living at 9 High Street, Tiverton, in Devon. John was a gardener/handyman.

John died on $5^{\rm th}$ December 1982 in Bampton, Tiverton, Devon – and is buried in the churchyard of St Michael & All Angels there.



(There are two photos on Ancestry – but they are private, and I haven't had time to follow up).

division of Taunton Dean, hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Taunton, rural deanery of Taunton (Taunton district), archdeaconry of Taunton and diocese of Bath and Wells. Bishop's Wood, the village part of Otterford, is about 7 miles north-west from Chard stations on the Great Western and London and South Western railways; the remainder of the parish consists of scattered farms, from 6 to 11 miles therefrom. The church of 8t, Leonard is a building of stone in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave of three bays, north aisle, transept, south porch and an embattled western tower containing 5 bells, three of which are of pre-Reformation date; the fifth was added in 1904: the font is Norman: a piscina remains, and on the south side is a holy water stoup: the cast and two smaller windows are stained, and there are several interesting brasses: the church was repaired and enlarged in 1861, and affords sittings for 190 persons. The parish register dates from 1958, but is extremely defective, large portions having been destroyed about 1810 by the churchwarden, who, being a shopkeeper, used up the older registers as waste paper, but recourse can be had to the transcripts in the Diocesan Registry. The living 132 acres of glebe, with residence at Bishop's Wood, Hayes Mrs. farmer, Walland Hurford Benjamin, farmer, Grigs Loud Harold, farmer, Rult Manley Mark, farmer, Feltham Matthews Mrs. shopkeeper, Holman Clavel

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Brook-King Reginald, Widcombe (letters through Taunton)

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Fennell Walter, head gardener to
Hon. Sir William Henry Goschen
K.B.E. Otterhead (letters through
Tannton) of Selwyn College, Cambridge. The soil is clayey and stony; subsoil, flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats and beans. The area is 2,440 acres of land and 6 of water; rateable value, £1,941; the population in 1911 was 319.

BISHOP'S WOOD is the hamlet of this parish, 2½ miles south-east from the church; there is a Mission church seating 100 persons, in which service is held both on week days and Sundays, and also a small chapel, erected in 1874, for the Plymouth Brethren. Sexton, John Ashford.

Post Office, Bishop's Wood.—B. S. Clarke, sub-post-master. Letters through Chard. Buckland St. Mary, 2 miles distant, is the nearest telegraph office & Churchinford the nearest money order office Post Office, Culmhead.—Henry Ewins, sub-postmaster. Letters through Taunton. Churchinford is the nearest money order office & Blagdon Hill, 2 miles distant, the nearest telegraph office

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Council (mixed), built in 1882; Mrs. E. Major, mistress Mixed, Bishop's Wood, built in 1874, at a cost of about £300, for 80 children; Mrs. Catherine Sumption, mistress.

†Westlake Walter, farmer, Yalham (letters through Taunton)

RISHOP'S WOOD.

Morrant Sidney, Mission house Oakeley Rev. Robert William M.A. (vicar), Vicarage

COMMERCIAL

Clavel
Mutter Eli, farmer, Feltham
Radford Clarence, corn merchant,
Holman Clavel inn
Saturley William, gamekeeper to
Hon. Sir Wm. H. Goschen K.B.E.
Woodend
Shire Mrs. farmer, Holman Clavel
Shire Sam, poaltry farmer, North
Down Clark B. S. farmer & sub-postmaster Board Albert, farmer, Whatley
fle Artime Paul, farmer, Hayne
Fayter John, farmer, School farm
Fennell Walter, head gardener to
Hon. Sir William Henry Gosohen
K.B.E. Otterhead (letters through
Taunton)
Frost Fred, farmer, Higher Fyfet
fGrabham Levi, farmer, Church farm
(letters through Taunton)
Hartnell John, haulier, Mt. Pleasant
Hartnell Wm, farmer, Mt. Pleasant
Hunter's lodge

Saturley William, gamekeeper to
Hon. Sir Wm H. Goschen K.B.E.
Olde & Co. shopkeepers
Darby Mrs. New inn
Evans William, smallholder
Sparks James, smallholder, Foxes
Oastle
Sparks John, smallholder
Spiller William, miller (water)
Watson William, poultry farmer,
Wyatt Samuel, farmer, Rocks farm
Wyatt Wyatt William, insurance agent

WILLIAM HENRY FAYTER

Born 9th March 1887. At the time of William's birth the family were living in Grindle Road in the Parish of St Thomas, in Woodbury

In 1894 William was admitted to Woodbury Church Of England Primary School

By 1901 the family were living in Globe Hill Road in Woodbury, Devon. They were still there in 1911: William was still living at home and was a carpenter and joiner.

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User facts	Addresses: 137 Dale Street, Chatham United Kingdom First names: William Henry Father: Harry Fayter Jobs: Carpenter Place of Birth: United Kingdom Woodbury, Devon Addresses: Globe Hill Road, Woodbury, Devon United King Mother: Catherine Fayter

William married Gertrude Lillington 4th Q 1924 in Christchurch.

In 1939 William and Gertrude (b 6 May 1889) were living at 52 Nursery Road, Bournemouth, then in Hampshire, now in Dorset. He was still a carpenter.

Died 4th Quarter 1970 in Poole in Dorset.

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