

BEER, Edward

Edward Beer was born in Membury in the spring of 1876. He was the son of Robert Beer (born in Membury 1837) and Eliza Beer (born in Membury 1841).

In 1881, this Beer family was living at Rock Road, Membury with children Lucy F Summers (13 – Eliza's daughter born in Membury), Philip J (7), Edward (5), Elizabeth E (4) and Walter F (1). Robert was an agricultural labourer.

In 1891, Edward Beer aged 15 was working as an agricultural labourer at Marsh Farm, Marsh, Yarcombe – living with Henry and Mary Hutchings and their family.

In 1901, Eliza was a widow, working as a laundress and living at Webble Cottage, Furley with 3 of her children Edward (25 a farm labourer), Walter (20 – a farm labourer) and Annie (17).

In 1911, aged 35, Edward was still living at Webble Cottage, Furlly and working as a farm labourer. The head of the household was his younger brother Walter (28 born in Membury in 1883) who was working as a carter on a farm, his wife Alice Mary (22) and daughter (6 months).

We could find no definite military records but there is an Edward Beer (badge no 13161836) Regiment No 203400 in Wiltshire Regiment unit infantry (Exeter).