

BRADDICK, John

John was born in Kilmington on 29 November 1897. The Braddicks were a large family of 4 girls and 6 boys. The parents were: Tom Braddick (b 1855 d 1924), an agricultural labourer and Ann (b 1858 in Membury, nee Pennycard d 1843) (married in 1876).

Tom and Ann had 10 children, all born in Membury or Kilmington: Elizabeth (1878, Tom (1879) – Royal Marines, William (1881) – Royal Marines, Samuel (1884) who in 1901 was a Blacksmith apprentice at Post Office, Widworthy, Ernest (1886) – Army, Lily (1887), James (1889) – Army, Joan (1892), Mary (1893), John (1898) – Royal Marines Labour Corps – invalided out on 24 October 1917

In 1881, they were at Henry Farm, Membury

In 1891, they were at Cleave Hill, Membury: Tom (36), Ann (39), Tom (12), William (9), Samuel (7), Ernest (5), Lillian (4) and James (2).

In 1901 the family were living at Cowley Pitt, Kilmington

In 1911 only Joan (20) and John (13) were living at home in Rock, Membury

He enlisted on 27 January 1916 into the Royal Marines Light Infantry, aged 19, listing his occupation as carpenter. No M18624 – he was formerly Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve. Several ships are listed on his record, including *Defiance*. He was wounded in action 18 October 1917.