

LONG, Page

Page Long was born in Membury in the summer of 1895 (reg Axminster). His parents were William H Long a farm labourer (born in Honiton in 1866) and Eliza Long (born in Membury 1867).

In 1901 they were living in Shell Lane, Furley, Membury with children George H (aged 6), Page (aged 5), Mark (aged 2) and a boarder John T Matthews who was born in Membury (aged 40)

In 1911 Page, aged 15, was working as a servant in the household of Samuel Pidgeon and his wife Bessie who lived at the Post Office and Baker, in Stockland. Also in the household was Ivy Clarke (age 18, Assistant) and Frank Glade (age 17, servant).

Page enlisted in the Devonshire Regiment (army no: 46888) at Axminster on 21 February 1916. His record says he was a carter, 5 foot 7 ½ ins. 135 lbs with 'fair physical development. A year later, on 16 February 1917 he was relegated to Class W Army Reserve and sent to report of HM Factory, Avonmouth. He is recorded as being in the S Light Infantry (No 31028)

His brothers, George and Mark also served in the war, George being killed in action in August 1917

In early 1940 Page married Muriel Clarke (registration: Honiton vol 5B page 45). In summer 1955 he died (registration: Exeter vol 7A, page 333).