

BRADDICK, James

James Braddick was born in Dalwood in 1888. 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

On 27 September 1905 James enlisted in 4th Battalion Devonshire regiment (4734) aged 17 and 11 months for 6 years at Exeter. He gives his address at that time as Rock Cottage and his trade as butcher. He was 5' 4 1/8" weighing 122 lbs

In 1911, aged 23, he was serving overseas in the 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment at St Georges Barracks, Malta.

We found a Medal Card 2/ Devonshire No 8024 Machine Gun Corp SGT No 6412