

READER, Joseph

Joseph Reader was born on 13 October 1899 in Ston Easton, Somerset. His parents were Joseph Reader (b in Membury 1976) and Annie (nee Phippen b 1877 Axminster).

In 1901, the Reader family – Joseph (25 cowman), Annie (24), Alice (8) and Joseph (16 months) were living with Annie's family: Thomas Phippen (69 b Axminster) farmer, Charlotte (64), Albert (44 carter) George (34 cowman), and Kate (32).

In 1911 the Reader family were living at Loosley Farm, Membury: Joseph (aged 32- a farmer), Annie Laura (36), Joseph (11) Amelia (9), Lily (7) and Annie's unmarried sister Kate Phippen (40) who was a diary worker.

Joseph Reader's navy record shows him on the *Impregnable* on 13 October 1915 (his 16th birthday) Class Boy II (no J45150). He served throughout the war and on 13 October 1917, aged 18, enlisted in the navy for 12 years and remained in the navy, receiving the RN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal during 1930-35 when with the *Defiance*.

In 1931 Joseph married Nancy C Honeybun (reg Axminster)

In 1969 Joseph died (reg Weymouth).