

## Billett, Arthur Summers

Born on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1882 at Bruton, Somerset, the son of James and Ellen Billett (nee Tilbury).. Baptised on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 1882 at Bruton.

18	Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur Summers	James + Sarah Ellen	Billett	Bruton	Police man on G.W. Railway	Henry the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ridley
No. 260							

Baptism Record 1882

Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Where Born
James Billett	Head	48	Railway Gatekeeper	Wyke Regis, Weymouth
Annie Billett	Wife	28		Dorchester
Albert Billett	Son	14	Errand Boy	Bruton, Somerset
Daughter	Daughter	12	Scholar	Bruton, Somerset
Ernest Billett	Son	11	Scholar	Bruton, Somerset
Arthur Billett	Son	8	Scholar	Bruton, Somerset
Lottie Billett	Step-daughter	9	Scholar	Weymouth

1891 Census – at Wyke Regis

On the 1901 and 1911 censuses he was recorded at the Eastney Royal Marine Artillery Barracks, Portsmouth.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 1911 he married Laura Minnie Billett of White Cross, Litton Cheney,.

She appears on the 1911 Litton Cheney census as Laura Minnie Pitcher, daughter of Louis Pitcher, baker, at White Cross, Litton Cheney.

1911. Marriage solemnized at the Church in the parish of Litton Cheney in the County of Dorset								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
230	Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur Somers Billett	28	Bachelor	Gunner R.M.A.	Litton Cheney	James Billett <i>deceased</i>	Railway-man
	1911	Laura Minnie Goff	38	Widow		Litton Cheney	Daniel Pitcher <i>deceased</i>	Tailor
Married in the Church by license according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me, F. W. Crick								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		Arthur Somers Billett			in the Presence of us,		Louis Pitcher	
		Laura Minnie Goff					Beatrice Emma Davis	

Marriage Certificate

During the war he was a gunner with the Royal Marine Artillery. Service No. RMA/9392 (R.M.R/B/1241) (Po).

He died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 1918 aged 36 on SS Burnstone when she was torpedoed by the German submarine UB-62 (Bernhard Putzier). Body not recovered for burial.

Commemorated on Portsmouth Naval Memorial Panel 30.