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Kingdom, S C: #821341 Gunner, 81st (Sphinx) Field Battery, Royal Artillery: WO 100/497; (1933-1939 period) & #1521440, Gunner, Royal Artillery (Coast & Searchlight), Corps of Military Police & Military Provost Staff Corps, Prisoner of War #1232, Stalag VIII-B in Cieszyn, Poland, (1939-1945), WW2;

Notes: This may well be **Stanley Charles Kingdom**, born in Bideford, Devon on 24.12.1901 (registered in 1902), the Son of Charley (Charles) Kingdom, a Grocer's Porter & Driver, b.1875 in Witheridge, Devon & Alice Ellen Baker from Woodbury, Devon, who married in 1895 in Bideford, Devon; In the 1911 Census Stanley Charles Kingdon was aged 9 & lived with his parents at #18, Richmond Terrace, Bideford, Devon; I believe that Stanley C Kingdom married Lily Fogwell, b.1900 in Bishops Tawton, Devon, in 1922 in Barnstaple, Devon & I believe that he may have been serving with the Royal Field Artillery as early as 1920 as his seven digit service number fits with the 1920 allotted number block for the Royal Garrison Artillery for Army renumbering; There is also a record of a Prisoner of War, **S C Kingdom**, being held in Stalag VIII-D in Cieszyn, Poland, during WW2, (now Cesky, Czech Republic); I understand that Stanley Charles Kingdom Died in 1972 in Bideford Aged 70 & that his Wife, Lily kingdom Died in 1974 in Barnstaple Aged 74; I believe that he was awarded the India Service Medal & the 1933 Mohmand Clasp; *(This was issued to all officers and men who were employed in operations against the Upper Mohmands on the North West Frontier of India during 1933, who served on the strength of a unit or formation of the Mohmand Force, and certain personnel of the Peshawar District who served in the area west of the road Abarzai-Shabkadar Fort-Shabkadar-Pir Kala-Michni, between the Swat and Kabul Rivers, inclusive of the above mentioned places, during the period 28.07.1933 & 03.10.1933);* (He was the Brother of **Reginald Kingdom**, #34089 Private, Oxford & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, & #39500, Private, 5th Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment, who Died in WW1 in 1918 on the Somme; WO 372/11);

Kingdom, S F: #6014281, Private, Essex Regiment, Prisoner of War #75933, 1939 -1945; WW2;

Notes: There is a record for Prisoner of War #75933, **S F Kingdom**, who was held in Stalag VIII-A in Gorlitz, Saxony (Poland) during WW2; His seven digit Service Number indicates that he was probably serving in 1920 when the Army was renumbered as it fits the Essex Regiment's allotted number block; I have no other information on this soldier; **Insufficient information to identify further;**

Kingdom, S H: #6008578, Lance Corporal, 1st Battalion, Essex Regiment; WO 100/505 Palestine 1940;

Notes: WO 100/505 is a Roll of Individuals who were awarded the General Service Medal & the Palestine Clasp for Service with the 1st Battalion, the Essex Regiment in Palestine from 1936 to 1939 where it took part in putting down the Arab Revolt; **S H Kingdom** was a Private in Palestine; I have no other information on this soldier except that his Service Number indicates that he was probably serving in 1920 when the Army was renumbered as it fits the Essex Regiment's allotted number block; **Awarded General Service Medal & Palestine Clasp; Insufficient information to identify further;**

Kingdom, Samuel: #14207, Private, The King's (Shropshire Light Infantry) & #533601, Private, Labour Corps, 1914-1920 WO 372/11; WW1

Notes: **Samuel Kingdom** first served in France from 05.09.1915 which would indicate that he enlisted in 1915 & that he was serving with the 8th (Service) Battalion, however he may then have sailed from Marseilles on 28.10.1915 for Salonika, landing there on 06.11.1915; This soldier was Transferred to the Class Z Reserve on 20.02.1919 at the end of the War; **Medals Card on file for award of the 15 Star, Victory & British War Medals; Insufficient information to enable identification;**

Kingdom, Samuel: #165876, Corporal / Acting Bombardier, Royal Garrison Artillery, WO 372/11, Also **Kingdom, S:** #165876, Corporal / Acting Sergeant, Royal Garrison Artillery, 1914-1920 WO 372/24; WW1

Notes: **Samuel Kingdom** obviously served with a Territorial force of the Royal Garrison Artillery during WW1, however it is not possible to identify which unit he served with He may well have enlisted in late 1915; **Medals Card on file for the award of the Territorial Force War Medal (TFWM), the Victory & the British War Medals; Insufficient information to enable identification;**

Kingdom, Samuel: Royal Navy, *Rank:* 1st Class Boy in 1881; (1880's)

Notes: According to the Royal Navy 1881 Census this is **Samuel Kingdom** b.1864 in Cosham, Hampshire; However, I have searched birth records for that period & also surrounding areas in Hampshire but failed to find anything that resembles this man's profile? In the 1881 Census Samuel Kingdom is Aged 17 & serving as a Royal Navy 1st Class Boy on board the First Rate Ironclad vessel 'HMS Minotaur' which was anchored off Gibraltar; I also failed to find any other Census records for this man?

Follow up Notes: **Kingdom, Samuel:** #108368, Royal Navy; ADM 188/131; (1880's)

I believe that this is the same person; If I am correct then this is **Samuel Hodgers (Odgers) Kingdom**, born 14.03.1864 in Maker, Cornwall; He was the son of William Kingdom, a Royal Navy Seaman/Stoker, b.21.08.1835 in Devonport, Devon, & Jane Odgers from Maker in Cornwall, who Married in 1861 in St Germans, Cornwall; *(There was an earlier son Samuel Hodge Kingdom, born in 1862 in Stoke Damerel, Devon who Died aged 1 year old in 1863 in Stoke Damerel, recorded as Samuel William Hodge Kingdom);* In the 1871 Census Samuel Kingdom is living with his Mother at his Odgers Family Grandparents house in Garratt Street, Cawsand, Maker in Cornwall, I presume that his Father was at sea; I believe that Samuel Kingdom probably enlisted in the Royal Navy sometime in 1879 as his Official Naval Number indicates this year; ADM 188/131 gives his date & place of birth as 14.03.1864, Maker, Cornwall; In the 1881 Census Samuel Kingdom is Aged 17 & serving as a Royal Navy 1st Class Boy on board the First Rate Ironclad vessel 'HMS Minotaur' which was anchored off Gibraltar; (I subsequently believe that his place of birth recorded as Cosham, Hampshire in the 1881 Census is wrong); In the 1891 Census Samuel Kingdom appears to have left the Navy & is working as a Dockyard Labourer & living with his parents at #100, Pembroke Street, St Aubyn, Stoke Damerel, Devon, his Father is a Local board Labourer; In the 1901 Census Samuel Kingdom is aged 39, single, a Labourer & is an Inmate of the Devonport Workhouse & Infirmary; In the 1911 Census Samuel Kingdom is aged 49, single, formerly a Labourer & is still an Inmate of the Devonport Workhouse & Infirmary in Wolsley Road, Devonport, Devon; I did not find his death; **(He is the son of William Kingdom, #15386A & #43222, Stoker, Royal Navy; ADM 139/554 & ADM 188/10);**

Kingdom, Samuel: #3494, 90th Regiment of Light Infantry, Crimean War; WO 100/32; - **Died at Sebastopol in the Crimean War;**



Notes: There are records from the Crimean War for the 90th Regiment of Light Infantry, ('The Cameronians' or The Scottish Rifles or The 90th Perthshire Light Infantry Regiment), for this soldier, Private Samuel Kingdom, #3494 who Died on the 10.12.1854 probably during the Siege of Sebastopol either from Enemy Fire or from Disease; The 90th Regiment of Light Infantry were serving in Dublin, Ireland in 1854 but were sent to the Crimean onboard the 'SS Europa', arriving at Balaclava on 3-5 Decmeber; They were immediately sent to the front & into the fighting with the Russians; **His Crimean Medal & Clasps became ineffective due to his death; Insufficient information to identify further;**

Kingdom, Sidney J: #457514, Private, Royal Army Medical Corps, 1914-1920 WO 372/11; WW1;
Notes: Medals Card on file for award of the British War & Victory medals; (I note that there is also a **Kingdom, Sidney J:** Royal Field Artillery No: 132909 Rank: Private & #212685 Royal Garrison Artillery, 1914-1920 WO 372/11 but I have not linked the two); **Insufficient information to identify accurately;**

Kingdom, Sinclair St George Sutherland: Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 2nd Lt. 1914-1920 WO 372/11; WW1;
Notes: This Officer served with the 9th (Service) Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment; The WO 338 records at Kew have reference to 2Lt S. St. G. S Kingdom, 9/6, #23576, & are marked as a demobilised officer; He served in Gallipoli from June 1915; **Sinclair St George Sutherland Kingdom** was born in Leamington Priors, Warwickshire on 23.04.1894, (baptised 04.07.1894 in St Mary's Leamington Priors, the son of Edward William Sutherland Kingdom, a Church of England Clergyman born in 1853 in Quebec, Canada, & Adelaide Charlotte Oxborough from Manchester, Lancashire who Married in West Ham, Essex/Greater London in 1883; In the 1901 UK Census Sinclair Kingdom was aged 6 & lived with his parents at #15, St Mary's Road, Leamington Priors, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire; In the 1911 Census Sinclair St George S. Kingdom was aged 16 & a Boarder at Kings School, Worcestershire; Sinclair St George Sutherland Kingdom married Gwendoline Leila Sylvia Hensley in the Isle of Wight in 1916; This Officer was promoted to Captain & was serving with the 10th Battalion when he was captured & declared a Prisoner of War on 10.04.1918 when he went missing; He was finally repatriated on 01.01.1919, Western Theatre of Operations, Record #994; Interestingly, in the London Gazette Supplement of 15.06.1945, page 3047, there is a record that Sinclair St George Sutherland Kingdom, Esquire, is Senior Clerk & Acting Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms in the House of Commons; Sinclair St George Sutherland Kingdom Died on 26.07.1947 at #5, Cheltenham Terrace, Chelsea Aged 53; Medals Card on file for the award of the 1915 Star, British War & Victory Medals; He applied for his Medals on 09.06.1921 & they were issued on 23.06.1921 & 18.07.1921 to #18, Bramerton Street, Chelsea, London SW3; (He was the Grandson of Doctor **Edward William Clemisham Kingdom** who served as a Surgeon with the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment in Canada in the 1850's);

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Kingdon, T J: Lieutenant in the British Home Guard in 1941; WW2;

Notes: There is a reference on the internet Forces War Records site to a Lieutenant **T J Kingdon** serving with the British Home Guard during 1941 but there is no indication of who he was or where he was serving;

Insufficient information to identify;

Kingdom, Theodore: #316050, Private, 4th Monmouthshire Regiment, Territorials; #31176, Private, Army Veterinary Corps & #370867 Sapper, Royal Engineers; WW1;

Notes: There is much confusion with this person & his immediate family as many records are incorrectly recorded in the name of Clifford? However, I believe that this is **Theodore Kingdom**, birth records have him as **Theodore Clifford** 1898 in Port Talbot, Neath, Wales; He is the son of Henry Clifford Kingdom/Kingdom b.1864 in Porlock, Somerset, a Seaman, & Maria Gubb b.1867 in Port Talbot, who Married in 1889 in Neath; His Father died at #16, Emroch street, Goytre, Port Talbot on 02.12.1902 aged 37; His Mother then remarried to a Peter Jones in 1905 in Neath but I have failed to locate this family in any 1911 Census records, even the family address in Emroch Street is recorded as being empty; Theodore Kingdom first enlisted as #316050 in the 4th Monmouthshire Territorial Regiment on 22.01.1917 at the age of 18 years & 3 months; He gives his Mother's name as Maria Kingdom & her address as Goytre Cottages, Duffryn Valley, Port Talbot; He declares his work as an Assistant Collier; Theodore Kingdom is only 4 feet & 11 inches tall so there were queries raised as to his suitability for Military service; This was resolved by various military correspondences, despite this soldier claiming that a previous injury prevented him from carrying out route marches & he was authorised to be posted to the Army Veterinary Corps as a Private, #31176 at the age of 18 years & 10 months; The Army had also queried his previous employment status with the Parc-Y-Bryn Colliery in Port Talbot; His next set of enlistment record papers indicate that his mother's name is Maria Jones, living at the same Goytre Cottages address in Port Talbot & that he had previously served with the 4th Mons; Theodore Kingdom joined for duty on 04.08.1917 & this was approved on 03.09.1917 at Woolwich; Throughout his service there were many issues; Whilst serving with the Army Veterinary Corps he was supposedly detected as having fraudulently enlisted for WW1 service whilst already under a Class 'W' Reservist order on 11.04.1918 & that he was a Deserter from the Monmouthshire Regiment; Various letters to the Port Talbot Police confirmed that he was not a deserter but had returned late from leave; (The Police also confirmed that he had a Brother who was a Private William Henry Kingdom, #38442, Welsh Regiment, Western Knowley park, Prescot, Lancashire; On 17.12.1918, at the age of 20 years, Theodore Kingdom was compulsorily transferred to the Royal Engineers as a Sapper #370867, to a Tunneling Depot in Chatham (probably due to his height) on 02.11.1918; It would appear that #316050 Private Theodore Kingdom, 4th Monmouthshire Regiment had been transferred to Class W (T), Territorial Force Reserve on 19.02.1917 for Civil Employment at the Colliery in Aberavon, Monmouthshire; It was subsequently noted that Theodore Kingdom had re-enlisted in the Army Veterinary Corps as #31176 for which he was disciplined; Finally Theodore Kingdom was Transferred to the 'Z' Reserve on Demobilisation on 25.11.1919; In 1921 in Port Talbot Theodore Kingdom Married Maud Matilda Pearce (b.1906 in Bristol), who lived next door in Emroch Street, Port Talbot in 1911 Census; Theodore Kingdom died on 02.12.1964 at #16, Emroch Street, Goytre, Port Talbot aged 66, his wife died in 1986 Aged 80; **No Medal card on file;** (He is the Brother of **Kingdom, William:** #38442, Private, Welsh Regiment, 1914-1920 WO 372/11, WW1);

Kingdon, Thomas: No Specific Details; (1851 to 1861 Period);

Notes: In the 1851 Census Records for the town of Holdenhurst near Bournemouth there is a record for a **Thomas Kingdom** aged 33, (born 1818 in Exeter St Leonard's), a Soldier in Practice(?), living with his wife, Elizabeth Kingdom, aged 26, (born 1825 in Wimbourne, Dorset) at Terrace Cottage; In 1861 Census I did locate a Married Elizabeth Kingdom aged 33 (b.1828 in Dorset) Boarding at #37, Russell Square, Bloomsbury St George, London who may well be the wife of this soldier, however, this is not proven & I have no 1861 records for a soldier named Thomas Kingdom serving overseas; **I did not manage to identify this man further;**

Kingdom, Thomas: #26216, Private, 'B' Company, 17th (Service) Battalion, Welsh Regiment, #55390. Private, 15th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment & T/418650, Private, Army Service Corps, 1914-1920 WO 372/11; WW1;

Notes: The prefix T/ on his Army Service corps number indicates that he served with a Horse Transport Unit or a Territorial Force; This is probably **Thomas Kingdon** born in 1887 or in 1891 in Swansea, son of Thomas Kingdon b.?? in ?? & Hannah Jones b.1865 from Swansea who married in 1882 in Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales; In the 1901 Census his Mother was a widow & the family were living at #11, Chapel Street, St Thomas, Swansea; In the 1911 Census I believe that Thomas Kingdon aged 23 is a Mason's Labourer living with his Brother in law James Kingdon & his sister 'Lizzie' Kingdon in Cadle Fach, Ravenhill, near Swansea; Private Thomas Kingdon first Enlisted in Porthcawl on 18.01.1915 aged 23 years & 9 months, was a Labourer & was posted to the Welsh Regiment; He gave his address as Ravenhill, Fforestfach, near Swansea; It would appear that he went Absent for 17 days from 31.08.1915 to 16.09.1915; He was sent to France with the British Expeditionary Force on 02.06.1916; He gave his Next of Kin as his Sister – Lizzie, (probably Eliza who may have married a James Kingdon from Swansea), he later changed this to his Mother, Anna (probably Hannah) Kingdon, Ravenhill, near Swansea; Private Thomas Kingdon was posted back to the Welsh Regiment Depot on 07.12.1917; Was he wounded or just suffering from sprained ankles? On 29.01.1918 his records were sent to 3rd Western General Hospital; In 1918 on leave from 5th London (City of London) General Hospital? Address given in 1918 c/o Mrs. Stephens, #57, Courtney Street, Manselton, Swansea; On 19.06.1919 he was Discharged, address given as #52, Watkins Street, Swansea – birth year given as 1888; **Medals Card on file for award of the British War & Victory medals; This needs further research;**

Kingdom, Thomas: #GS/64030, Private, Royal Fusiliers, & #5874, Private, 2/1st Monmouthshire Regiment, 1914-1920 WO 372/11 – **Died in WW1 - Private Thomas Kingdom, #64030, 10th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, who died age 38 on 30 March 1918; Husband of Mary Esther Kingdom, of 14, Cefn Glas Road, Bridgend, Glamorgan. Remembered with honour at Nine Elms British Cemetery in Belgium; Grave reference XIV. B.5;**



Notes: This is **Thomas Kingdom** who also served as #5874 with 2/1st Monmouthshire Regiment; The Royal Fusiliers were originally the City of London Regiment; His wife was Mary Esther Jones & they married in 1915 in Bridgend, Glamorgan, Wales; Thomas Kingdom is the Grandson of George & Ann Kingdom of Hoare in Somerset; Death records for Private Thomas Kingdom have his birth place as Aberkenfig, Glamorgan & his residence as Bryncethin; Thomas Kingdom was born ca. 1888 in Wales the son of ?? (there are too many choices here to identify for certain – **needs more research**); **Medals Card on file for award of the British War & Victory medals;**

Kingdom, Thomas: #4825 Royal Navy, Captain of the Forecastle; ADM 139/49; (1861 period);

Notes: There are a number of Royal Navy records which may refer to this sailor which I will record here for later research; The Royal Naval records for Seamen Serving pre 1853 has: Original Pages #342 & #344, for **Thomas Kingdom**, Rating, born 1813 in Truro; It gives his Age on entry as 17 & indicates that he served from 17.05.1830 until 24.11.1866 (a total of 36 years); There is reference to an Application to Whitehall on 23.07.1853; On the main Royal Navy Register there is **Thomas Kingdom**, born on 11.04.1814 in Truro, Cornwall, Continuous Service #4825 & a date of Volunteering as 01.09.1853, which I believe refers only to the 13.06.1853 renumbering for serving Royal Navy personnel; Subsequently I believe that this Sailor was serving prior to the Continuous Service agreements in 1853; I cannot find a definite birth or baptism record except for a **Thomas Kingdom** being Baptised on 24.04.1814 in St Clement, Truro, Cornwall, Parents recorded as Thomas & Anne Kingdom, so perhaps this is our man? The Royal Navy records this man's entry into the service as 1830 & despite research there is no record of a Thomas Kingdom serving in 1841 (at least not land based & records for ship service do not exist); The same problem is found for 1851 Census records; However, I did find a record for an application for the award of the China War Medal (Anglo Chinese Opium Wars) for service on 'HMS Druid' for an Able Seaman, **Thomas Kingdom**, pay book #165, from 20.07.1839 to 22.04.1843; At the time of the China War medal claim this sailor was serving on 'HMS Larne' so he was obviously still in the Navy; I then found a 'Captain of the Forecastle' **Thomas Kingdom**, Aged 48, from Truro, Cornwall, serving on 'HMS Hydra' in Havannah, Cuba in the 1861 Census; These details fit his profile; Following on from that there are Census records for a Thomas Kingdon born in or around 1814 in Truro, living in Beer Ferris in Devon in 1871 & 1881 Census; The records have him married to a Mary Ann ?? (b.1818 in Liskeard) but I can find no real evidence of their marriage, although Thomas Kingdon did marry in Liskeard in 2nd Q 1869? In 1871 Thomas Kingdom is a Farmer of 10 Acres in Mole's Hole Road, Underways, Beer Ferris & this is also confirmed in the Beer Ferris 1873 records; In the 1881 Census Thomas Kingdon is a Pensioner living in Beer Ferris Cottages, his wife, Mary A. Kingdon is a Stay Maker; I believe that Thomas Kingdom Died in 1889 in Tavistock, Devon, Aged 75; **Needs Research;**

Kingdom, Thomas: Seaman, #84877, Royal Navy; ADM 188/80; (1881 period);

Notes: This sailor's official naval number indicates enlistment between 01.01.1874 & 31.12.1874; The ADM records give his date & place of birth as 01.04.1848 in Wilcove, Cornwall; Unfortunately there are no birth records for any Thomas Kingdom being born in that period in Wilcove, although there is a Thomas Kingdom registration in 3rd Q 1847 in Liskeard, Cornwall & a Thomas Rogers Kingdom registered in 1847 in Stoke Damerel, Devon, who comes from a Naval Service Family; Subsequently **it is possible that this is Thomas Rogers Kingdom** who was registered in 1847 in Stoke Damerel, but may have been born in Wilcove, Cornwall? (His Mother was from Wilcove in Cornwall & his Father was a Royal Navy seaman & Greenwich pensioner in 1851 in Stoke Damerel); Assuming this is correct, then Thomas (Rogers) Kingdom was the son of John Thorn Kingdom, Royal Navy & Greenwich Pensioner, b.1809 in Morice Town, Devonport & Mary Ann Rogers from Wilcove in Cornwall who married on 10.04.1832 in Stoke Damerel, Devon; In 1851 Census Thomas Kingdom was aged 4 & living with his parents in Coke Houses, Stoke Damerel, Devon, his Father is a Greenwich Pensioner; In the 1861 Census Thomas Kingdom is aged 14, an Agricultural Labourer, living with his parents in #5, Coombe Park, Antony, Cornwall, his Father is a Greenwich Pensioner & Agricultural Labourer; In the 1871 Census Thomas Kingdom is aged 21 & working as an Indoor Farm Labourer at Brough Farm, Anthony, Cornwall, his brother George is a Groom & both boys are shown as having been born in Wilcove, Cornwall; We know from Thomas Kingdom's Naval number #84877 that he enlisted during 1874 but I have no way of knowing how long he served? In the 1881 Census for Wilcove in Cornwall, Thomas Kingdom is now aged 33, working as a Gardener & living with his parents, his Father is a RN Pensioner; I believe that Thomas Rogers Kingdom Married Emma Jane Treverton, b.1854 in St Teath, Cornwall, in 1885 in St Germans, Cornwall; In the 1891 Census Thomas & wife Emma Kingdom live in Anthony, Cornwall, he is a General Labourer; In the 1901 Census Thomas R. & Emma J. Kingdom live at Coombe Park, Wilcove, Anthony, Cornwall, he is a General Gardener; In the 1911 Census Thomas & Emma Kingdom live in Wilcove, Anthony, Cornwall, he is a Domestic Gardener; I believe that Thomas R. Kingdom Died in 1928 in St. Germans, Cornwall aged 80; (He was the Son of **John Thorn Kingdom**, Royal Navy); (Brother of #9762A **Joseph Rogers Kingdom** Royal Navy); (Brother of #66612 & #18070A **William Joseph Kingdom** Royal Navy); (Brother of #84867 **Christopher Kingdom** Royal Navy); (Brother of #31681 & #62768 **John Rogers Kingdom** Royal Navy); **This needs identity verification;**

Kingdom, Thomas: Trawlerman, Royal Navy Reserve, #D2519, & #B2005, & #C3530, WW1; ADM 171/171 & BT 377/7/42466 & BT 377/7/24306 & BT 377/7/35733; WW1;

Notes: This is **Thomas (Tom) Kingdom** born 07.06.1879 & baptised 25.06.1879 in Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Wales; He was the son of William Kingdom, a Fisherman b.1845 in Tenby & Emily Creese, b.1852 Tenby, who Married in 1870 in Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Wales; In the 1881 Census Thomas is aged 1 year & living with his parents in Quay Hill, Tenby St Mary in Liberty, Pembrokeshire, Wales; In the 1891 Census Thomas Kingdom lived with his parents in Bridge Street, Tenby, Pembrokeshire & he is a 12 year old Gardener; In the 1901 Census Thomas Kingdom Age 21 lives with his married brother Louis & wife Fanny Kingdom in Flat #7, Bridge Street, St Mary Tenby in Liberty, Pembrokeshire, Wales, Thomas is a Fisherman; *(There is some confusion as to who this Thomas Kingdom married & where he lived in Tenby in 1911 so I did not research further at this time)*; Awarded the Royal Naval Reserve Long Service Medal #13437 on 07.10.1919 at RNR Neyland, Pembrokeshire; (The Brother of **Kingdom, Aaron:** Trawlerman, Royal Navy Reserve, #TS/3765, WW1); (Brother of **Kingdom, William:** Ordinary Seaman, Royal Navy Reserve, #29607 & Merchant Seaman; Died in Brazil 1892); **Needs more research;**

Kingdom, Thomas C: #723244, Private, London Regiment & #52394, Private, King's Royal Rifle Corps, 1914 - 1920 WO 372/11; WW1;

Notes: There are over 62 pages of paper in this Soldier's Records; This is **Thomas Charles Kingdom** who was originally serving with 6th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps as #Y1233 at Sheerness, but "Deserted" on 09.01.1915 & remained Absent until 08.07.1916 when he was called up under the Military Service Act & joined 2/24th Battalion London Regiment (The Queens), under the assumed alias name of Private **Samuel Thomas Knight**, #723244; I think that he had served as #52394 with the Kings Royal Rifle Corps; See also Court of Inquiry in Sheerness in 23.02.1915; See also Court of Inquiry in Germany 01.09.1919? This soldier was Court Martialed & imprisoned for desertion in 1919/1920 but may have been excused trial & released from Military Prison in order to continue his Army service under special regulations Section 73 of the Army Act, on 11.03.1919; At one point Private T Kingdom claimed to have been posted to the Royal Dragoons but this was not true; The 'desertion' information all came to light when this soldier was questioned regarding separation allowance payments to his wife on 07.10.1918; He was actually born Thomas Charles Kingdom in 1883 in Southwark, Surrey according to his Army Medical Records & a signed confession he made in November 1918; Further evidence indicates that #Y1233 Rifleman Kingdom T. enlisted at Winchester on 29.08.1914 & was posted to 5th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps on 02.09.1914 & then posted to the 6th Battalion KRRC on 03.09.1914; He was supposed to be serving as a New Army Man for 3 years but was Struck Off Strength of the 6th Bn. KRRC as a Deserter on 09.01.1915; We presume that he lived in London & upon being called up under his alias name of Samuel Thomas Knight he fraudulently enlisted at Kennington as #723244 in the 2/24th Battalion London Regiment, The Queen's; There is also an Absentee Report for a #783844 Rifleman D.C. Kingdom serving with 'A' Squadron, 1st Royal Dragoons in a Detachment from the 9th London Regiment, who failed to return from Leave on 16.06.1919 at Victoria & that he was still Absent on 08.07.1919 at Widdendorf in Germany; In 1918 the Military enquiries revealed that Private S.T. Knight was not married to Emma Knight of #6, Silverton Street, Great Dover Street, Bow in London; It was revealed that he Married as Thomas Charles Kingdom to a Widow named Dorothy Annie Eburne on 05.09.1918 at Southwark Registry Office, giving an address of #18, Naylor Road, Peckham; In various statements, including one made on 17.02.1919, Thomas Charles Kingdom declared that he was born on 19.11.1883 in Southwark, & that his parents were William Kingdom, a Labourer & Esther McIver of #6, Silverton Street, London; I believe that his Prison Sentence for Desertion was remitted & that he was finally released & discharged from the Army on 23.03.1920; This is **Thomas Charles Kingdom** born 19.11.1883 in Southwark, Baptised on 09.12.1883 in Southwark, Christ Church; He was the son of William Kingdom, a Labourer b.1854 in Wimbledon & Esther Sarah McIver, b.1853 in St James, London, who Married in 1874 in Marylebone; In 1891 Census Thomas Kingdom is aged 7 & living with his parents at #17, Lant Street in Borough Road, St George the Martyr in London; In 1901 Thomas Kingdom lived with his parents at #4, Knights Place, Christchurch, Southwark; In 1911 Census Thomas Kingdom, Aged 27 is a Coal Porter living with his Widower Father at #13, Dorset Road, Forest Gate, East Ham; Thomas Charles Kingdom may very well have died at the age of 38 in Camberwell in 1921; **Medals Card on file for award of the British War & Victory Medals;** May also be a Chelsea Pensioner? (I believe that he was the Brother of **Kingdom, Frederick J:** #2173, Private, Royal 1st Devonshire Yeomanry & #345090, Private, 16th Battalion, Devonshire Regiment, 1914-1920 WO 372/11, WW1; &/or **Kingdom, Frederick:** #341107, Royal Navy; ADM 188/515/107; (1892 period); (There is another Brother, **James Henry Kingdom** b.1882 in Southwark who has no Military Records but is recorded on the Chelsea Pensioner list); (He is possibly the Brother of **Kingdom, William Edgar:** #8055, Private, Royal Marine Light Infantry, Chatham Division; ADM 159/48);

Kingdom, Thomas Sidney Cornish: Petty Officer 2nd Class, #121062 Royal Navy; ADM 188/157; WW1;
 Notes: This is **Thomas Sidney Cornish Kingdom** born 03.04.1867 in Stoke Damerel, Devon; He is possibly the son of William Kingdom, a Royal Navy Seaman & Pensioner b.1834 in Heavitree, Exeter, & Elizabeth Pengelly/Pengilly, baptised 10.03.1833 in St Thomas The Apostle, Exeter, who Married in Exeter in 1861; In 1871 Census Thomas S. C. Kingdom is aged 4 & lives with his Mother (a Naval Pensioner's wife, Father away from home?) at #1, Keppel Street, Stoke Damerel, Devon; It is possible that Thomas S. C. Kingdom is living at the District Greenwich Hospital School in Greenwich, London as a 14 year old scholar in 1881 Census but again the record has his birth place as Plymouth; I do not know when Thomas Sidney Cornish Kingdom actually joined the Royal Navy but his official naval number would indicate enlistment between 01.01.1882 & 31.12.1882; I did not find him in 1891 or 1901 Census records; I did find a British Postal Service Record for a T.S.C. Kingdom for a position in Fareham, Hampshire in July of 1905; In the 1911 Census Thomas Sidney Cornish Kingdom is still unmarried, aged 43 & working as a Bridge Works Erector in Darlington; I understand that Thomas S. C. Kingdom Married Margaret Jackson in 1929 in Auckland, Durham; Thomas S C Kingdom Died in 1929 in Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland aged 63; **Awarded 1914-15 Star, Victory & the British War Medals;** (Son of **Kingdom, William:** #4570A Royal Navy Pensioner); (Brother of **Kingdom, Henry Lockyer:** Chief Petty Officer, Royal Navy #114720; ADM 188/144); (Probably related to **Kingdon, Edwin Peter Pengelley:** Royal Navy Volunteer #27890A & Royal Navy #63488); **Needs more research as much missing information;**

Kingdom, Thomas W: #2720, Corporal, Somerset Light Infantry, 1914-1920 WO 372/11 – **Died in WW1 - Corporal Thomas William Kingdom, #2720, 2nd/4th Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry; who died on 09th July 1915; He is Remembered with honour in the Madras 1914-1918 War Memorial, Chennai, India on Face 20, but he is buried in Bangalore (Hosur Road) Cemetery in Plot 7, Row B1, Grave 43;**



Notes: This is **Thomas William Kingdom** born in 1st Q 1885 Bridgewater, Somerset 5c.389 & resided in Bruton, Somerset; He was possibly the Grandson of John & Mary Ann Ridgeway who lived in Westleigh, Burescombe, Somerset in 1891 with young Thomas visiting aged 6; I failed to find his parents or his whereabouts in 1901 or in 1911 Census; Prior to enlistment I understand that Thomas William Kingdom served with a local Militia Unit & those records indicate that he was probably born in Langport, Somerset; I believe that Thomas William Kingdom enlisted in Bath for WW1 service & served in India with Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry; He is buried in Hosur Road Cemetery in Bangalore, Madras, India; **Medals Card on file for award of the British War Medals; I have no other information on this Soldier;**

Kingdom, Trevor: #37324, Private, Machine Gun Corps, & #56739, Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, 1914-1920 WO 372/11; WW1;

Notes: **Trevor Kingdom** has no other information I can find; **Medals Card on file for the award of the British War & Victory medals; Insufficient information to enable identification;**

Kingdom, Trevor: Private, #828, Welsh (Howitzer) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery; **Possibly Died in WW2 serving in the Merchant Navy;**

Notes: This is **Trevor Kingdom** b.28.05.1896 in the Parish of Christchurch, Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales; He was the son of John Kingdom, a Boatman at Swansea Docks, b.1862 in Swansea & Mary Jane Richards from Swansea who Married in 1893 in Swansea; In 1901 Trevor Kingdom lived with his parents at #4, Vincent Street, Swansea; I believe that his Father John Kingdom died in 1901 & his Mother then remarried a Thomas Basham in 1910 & continued to live in Vincent Street; In 1911 Census, at the age of 14 years, Trevor Kingdom is an Inmate of the Llansamlet, Glamorgan Borough Council Industrial Boys School in Boneymaen, Glamorgan; He enlisted in Swansea at the age of 18 in May 1914 into the Territorial Force for a period of 4 years in the United Kingdom; At the time of Enlistment he was working as a Picture Framer & lived at #4, Vincent Street, Swansea; On 22.05.1914 he served as a Driver & was posted to Salisbury Plain from 02.08.1914 to 05.08.1914 with the 1st Glamorgan Battery, Royal Field Artillery, however he was then declared Medically Unfit after only 74 days service & was Discharged in August 1914; His records indicate that his Mother was Mary Jane Basham of #4, Vincent Street, Swansea; *I believe that Trevor Kingdom may have become a Merchant Seaman, working as a Greaser on board the Steam Tanker 'Melpomene', owned by the Ministry of War in London, sailing from Swansea to New York on 16.09.1941 at the age of 46 years, the record indicates that he had worked at sea for 21 years or more & that he was Welsh; This record indicates that he was one of the Detained' personnel by the US Authorities for Visa Waiver requirements;*

Follow on Notes: *There is a WW2 Memorial Register for Tower Hill Memorial, London, which refers to Greaser, Trevor Kingdom of the Merchant Navy having Died on 'SS Empire Amethyst (Middlesbrough) on 14.04.1942 Aged 45 on Panel 38; The 'SS Empire Amethyst' was torpedoed by the German U-Boat U-154 & she was sunk with the loss of the entire crew of 47 souls; There is also a WW2 Medals listing in BT 395/1/53415 records which has Trevor Kingdom, born 28.05.1896 & a Discharge Number of #R28903; Awarded the 1939-45 Star & War Medals;*



Notes: The foregoing information has been collected from records that are freely available on the Internet but the author does not guarantee that the expansion & identification of these records is accurate, but suggests that it should be used as a tool for further more detailed research of individual cases; It is intended as an additional aid tool, helping ancestry researchers to identify individuals named Kingdon or Kingdom who are recorded as having served in the Military Forces at any time or period in history;
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