

WW1 Mug Mystery

Engraved pewter mugs were, it seems, given to Branscombe men who fought in the First World War. The mugs (tankards) are heavy, often tarnished and each is inscribed with the man's name, '1914-1919' and 'Branscombe Contingent'.

Alan Rockey, who has connections with Branscombe, is researching this memorial issue and would love to hear from people who can help. Originally he knew of twelve in existence and one that had been lost. Now he has located 14 mugs and knows of three that have disappeared over time. The ones he has traced belonged to the following: Harry Hansford, Charles Perryman, Percival Perryman, Archibald Perryman, Tom Perry, Simon Perry, Harry Lazell, Stanley Ward, Charles Dean, James Chick, R Perry, A Perry, Jim Burnell and Bill Batten. We also know that there are three mugs that have disappeared over time and they belonged to Bertie Somers, Clifford Gosling and Arthur Collins.

Do you possess one of these mugs? Do you know who paid for them and decided to give them out? If you do, we would love to hear from you!

We will give updates on this site and all information received by email to us will be passed on to Alan.

