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Bristol's Conscientious Objectors Data

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## About This Data

Below are the names of 47 men from Bristol who were imprisoned from 1916 onwards as conscientious objectors. You may recognise a family member among them. If you do we would like to hear from you – we want to find out the background of these men and learn about their experiences during and after the war. The list of names is unlikely to be comprehensive. If you know of other men who were imprisoned for opposing the war please let us know.

The names appear in two separate alphabetically ordered sections.

## Searching this file

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## Section 1 - Toleration or Persecution

The first section lists 23 names from a document in the Central Library (entitled *Toleration or Persecution*). These men were imprisoned by August 1916. We have some address details for them. Where possible using the 1911 Census data we have been able to link them to specific house numbers and even found occupations and ages. We have also been able to identify those who had some link to the Independent Labour Party.

Surname	Forename	Address	Sentence	Occupation	Age at 1911 Census
Adams	Alfred	263 Newfoundland Road	6 months hard labour	Clerk	27
Ashman	Stanley	11 Chester Park Road, Fishponds	18 months hard labour	Lithographic Printer	22
Batten	Ernest	Old Sodbury	112 days hard labour	Farmer	
Beard	Frederick	Perry Road, Stapleton Road	8 months hard labour		
Brewer	Claude	31 Church Road, Redfield	6 months hard labour	Glass Embosser	18
Chidgey	Alfred	North View, Westbury Park	112 days hard labour		
Coker	Henry	107 St Georges Road, Hotwells	3 months military detention	Woodcarver	26
Coker	Herbert	107 St Georges Road, Hotwells	112 days hard labour	Plumber	23
Gilpin	Ernest	General Stores, 57 Ashley Road	6 months hard labour	Apprentice Shopfitter	17
Gould	William	Winsford Street, Stapleton Road	6 months hard labour		
Huxstep	Daniel	City Road	22 months hard labour	Market Gardener	
Jarritt	Harold	1 Cranbrook Road	112 days hard labour	Apprentice Draper	16
Jones	W.H.	Stephen Street, Whitehall	112 days hard labour		
Lees	George	Hallen	6 months hard labour		
Merrick	Thomas	Clouds Hill Avenue	84 days hard labour		
Miller	Arthur	Lynton Place, Redfield	6 months hard labour		
Oxley	Stanley	22 Ashley Road	21 months hard labour	Clerk	22
Pink	Osmond	Dunkeny Road, Bedminster	18 months hard labour		
Radley	Philip	Radnor Road, Westbury Park	6 months hard labour		
Rawle	Reginald	Saxon Road, St Werburghs	6 months hard labour		
Robert	Basil	York Gardens	22 months hard labour		
Roe	Ernest	North Street, Bedminster	112 days' military detention		
Underwood	Tom	2 Treefield Place, St Werburghs	112 days hard labour	Postman	19

## Section 2 - June Hannam's Research

The second section lists 24 names which June Hannam found during research for her pamphlet on opposition to World War 1 in Bristol (Link to page on pamphlet). These were probably imprisoned later than the previous section. For these men we have a surname, a forename or initial and brief notes about their circumstances.

Name	Details
Walter Ayles	Station Road, Ashley Down. Ayles was a city councillor, member of the Independent Labour Party and a leading member nationally of the No Conscription Fellowship. His wife Bertha, along with others took on much of the campaigning locally against conscription once Walter was imprisoned in 1916.
W H Brain	Refused all exemption- 84 days and then 9 months in Maidstone.
Isaac Britton	Bootmaker- serving second sentence. One year in Maidstone.
A Barber	One sentence of 6 months and now a second sentence of two years to be served in North Allerton.
Fred Berriman	Printer engaged on medical and surgical work. At first given condition exemption and then withdrawn and told to get work of national importance. Protested against this and received 112 days hard labour. An ILP activist and after the war was secretary of the ILP and a city councillor.
A Chappell	Arrested on a military warrant and not taken to police court. Serving second sentence in Exeter Gaol but then taken back to unit at Fort Tregantle where cannot be visited.
AV and WG Demmery	Bootmakers . Have served one period in prison. AV at Northallerton without hard labour because very delicate. WG two years hard labour.
W Elliott	Has served one sentence and now at Exeter for a year's hard labour.
Lesley Goodwin	Shipping clerk dealing with food supplies. Refused to take up work of national importance. Arrested August and now serving second sentence-nine months hard labour at Portsmouth.
Joseph Knowland	Docker. Misunderstanding and did not claim exemption until too late. Serving second sentence at Maidstone.
Ernest James	Refused exemption. Second sentence at Gloucester.
Reginald Lewis	Arrested April 1916 and then medically rejected. Arrested again in November and now serving a second sentence at Maidstone.
Herbert Lyes	Offered exemption from combatant service but would not take any military work. Serving second sentence of 6 months at Dorchester.
Arthur Newman	School teacher. Refused to leave his job for work where not trained. Serving second sentence of one year Dorchester. Bristol Education Committee refused to re-employ him at Greenbank school in 1919 because he had been a Conscientious objector. But a meeting of teacher ex servicemen passed a motion in support of him.

Name	Details
H G & S J Reinge	Brothers who were accepted as conscientious objectors in April 1916 but then military appealed because of urgent need for men. Serving second sentence of one year in Winchester.
E C Rendell	Market gardener in Wormwood Scrubs.
Ernest Rudman	Offered exemption from combatant service- he wanted absolute. Was serving a second sentence at Exeter prison but has been returned to his unit with Chappell.
Ernest Townley	Imprisoned in 1918
Hubert Whiteford	Of St George.
Gilbert Wilmott	Given a temporary exemption but then called up. Now serving a second sentence-year without hard labour- in North Allerton.
Gilbert Wride	Refused all exemption. Serving second sentence Wormwood Scxrubs.
John Watkins	Labourer on GWR. Awaiting first court martial.