

# Military Use of Commons and the Amateur Military Tradition



(Above): The Royal Bucks Hussars at Stowe, c. 1910

# Wartime Training Camps



(Above): Coxheath  
Camp, 1778

(Right): Warley  
Common Camp, 1779



# The Militia



(Left): Captain of the Ipswich Trained Bands, 1620

(Middle): Artillery Detachment, Bucks Militia, 1793

(Right): Private Henry Lee, Royal Bucks King's Own Militia, 1863



# The Militia Ballot

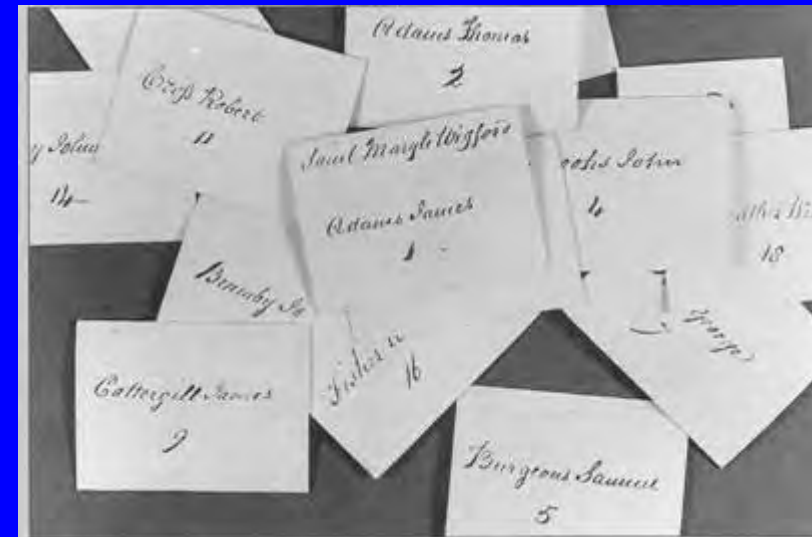
ESSEX. } To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the  
Parish of *Ardleigh*  
in the said County.

WHEREAS Complaint upon Oath hath been this  
Day made unto me *Thomas Nunn Esquire*  
one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said  
County, by *Elizabeth Baker* now  
dwelling in your said Parish, Wife of *Thomas Baker*  
a Private Militia Man serving in the Militia of  
the said County, as a Substitute for *William Cooper*  
of *Deaham* in the said County, and in actual  
Service, that she is not able to support herself and *three Infant*  
*Children* and that she does not follow the Regiment:  
I DO, therefore, hereby require you to pay unto the said  
*Elizabeth Baker* the Sum of *six Shillings*  
weekly, for the Support of her *self and three Children*  
being the usual and ordinary Price of *your* Days  
Labour in Husbandry within the said County, which is to be re-  
imbursed to you by the Treasurer of the said County, who is  
hereby required to reimburse the same accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, the *28* Day of *June*  
in the Year of our Lord *1808*.

*Thos. Nunn.*

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(Left): Order to  
Churchwardens to pay  
maintenance for militiaman's  
family, Ardleigh, Essex,  
June 1808

(Above): Ballot cards,  
Lincolnshire, 1831.

# The Volunteers



(Left): Drum of the Amersham Armed Association, 1806

(Right): NCOs of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bucks Rifle Volunteers in camp at Bourne End, August 1879

# The Yeomanry



(Left): Philip Pauncefort Duncombe, 3<sup>rd</sup> (Northern) Regiment, Bucks Yeomanry Cavalry, c. 1825

(Right) The Taplow Lancers, c. 1870



# Territorials



(Left): 1/1<sup>st</sup> Royal Bucks Hussars in King's Head Yard, Aylesbury, August 1914

(Right): South Midland Army Service Corps, Taplow, 1910

# Defence and Internal Security



(Left): The French surrender to local yeomanry and militia at Goodwick Sands, Fishguard, 24 February 1797

(Right): Satirical cartoon on the role of the Manchester and Salford Yeomanry at 'Peterloo', 29 August 1819



# Overseas Service



(Left): 'View of a Temple near Buckingham' -  
Richard, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl Temple as Colonel  
Commandant of the Royal Bucks King's Own  
Militia, July 1811



(Top Right): Trooper of 38<sup>th</sup> (Wycombe)  
Company, Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa

(Bottom Right): 1/1<sup>st</sup> Bucks Battalion at  
Hébuterne, July 1915



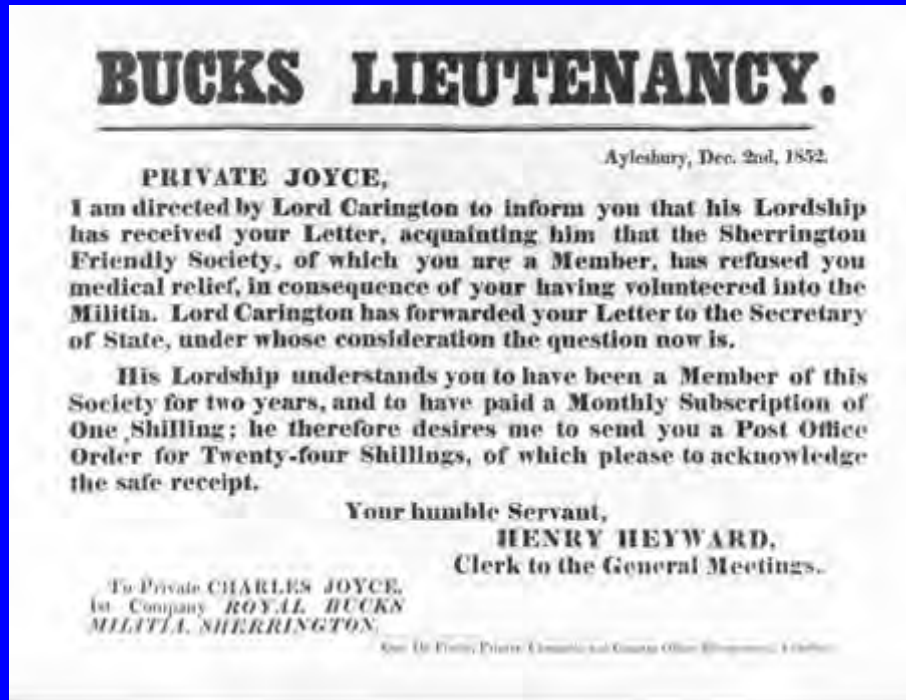
# Auxiliaries and the Local Community: Spectacle



(Left): The Queen's Own Worcestershire Yeomanry review and sham fight on Kempsey Ham, 1838

(Right): 1<sup>st</sup> Middlesex Artillery Volunteers on the march to the Easter Review at Brighton, 1870

# Auxiliaries and the Local Community: Opposition





# Auxiliaries and the Local Community: Trade



(Left): Men of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Oxfordshire Light Infantry (Royal Bucks King's Own Militia) at a public house during the annual training in Aylesbury, May 1892

(Right): Plan of the annual training of the 1<sup>st</sup> (Southern) Regiment of Bucks Yeomanry Cavalry, Marlow, 20-25 May 1822



# Militia Records

This is a handwritten muster certificate from 1595. It lists names and ranks in several columns. The names are written in a cursive script, and some are crossed out with a horizontal line. The document is organized into rows, with some names appearing in multiple columns.

(Left): Muster Certificate for Bucks Lancers, Light Horse, and Petronels, 1595

**Bucks Local Militia.**  
Three Hundreds of Cottesloe.

I William Webb do make Oath that I am by my Trade a Resident in the Parish of Whitehouse in the County of Bucks that I am married and that I have no Children and that I have no Rapine, nor ever was troubled with Fits, and am no ways disabled by Lameness or otherwise, but have the perfect use of my Limbs, and that I am not a Son or Son-in-law, Acquiesce my Hand at Whitehouse the 26th Day of October one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Witness present, Wm Webb

(Middle): Declaration for 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mid) Bucks Regiment of Local Militia, 1812

**KING'S OWN REGIMENT, ROYAL BUCKS MILITIA.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**  
(In compliance with the Statute 15th and 16th Victoria, c. 59).

That 440 able-bodied Men, resident in this County, between the ages of 18 and 35, desirous of enrolling themselves as VOLUNTEERS for the term of Five Years in the Militia of the County, are requested forthwith to deliver to the Constable of their Parish a statement of their names, residence, occupation, age, and height.

Every Volunteer will receive the sum of 10s. as a Bounty on Enrolment; and 10s. at the termination of the first training, if his conduct has been good; and, after that time, a further Bounty of 2s. a month, until he has received the full sum of £8. And these Bounties will be exclusive of the Pay during Training and Exercise.

Volunteers of 5 feet 4 inches may be accepted; and Men who have been discharged from the Army after three years' service, with a good character, will be accepted up to the age of 45.

Drummers will be accepted at 16 years of age, and under 5 feet 3 inches.

The Militia will be called out for Twenty-one days Training and Exercise in the month of October next.

By order of the Right Honourable the Lord Lieutenant of the County,  
**HENRY HEYWARD,**  
Clerk of the General Meetings of Lieutenancy.  
Aylesbury, 2nd August, 1852.

O. CARTON, PRINTER, WYOMERS.

(Right): Recruiting Poster, August 1852

# Volunteer and Yeomanry Records I

*TREGONY, 14th. March, 1797.*

**A**T a respectable Meeting of Magistrates and Gentlemen, held at Tregony this day, it was thought advisable to take the Opinion of the Gentlemen, and Inhabitants of the surrounding Parishes hereunder mentioned, on the Propriety of raising a **VOLUNTEER COMPANY** or **COMPANIES**, for the internal Defence of the County of **CORNWALL**.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Meeting at the Town Hall, in the Borough of Tregony aforesaid, on Monday, the 3d. Day of April next, by Ten o' Clock in the Forenoon, for the further considering the same, where the Attendance of such Persons as wish to Countenance the Measure ~~is~~ requested.

*Robert Hosking, Clerk to the Meeting.*

St. Iust	Ruan Lannihans	Carnilly	St. Michael
St. Anthony	Veyran	Prubai	Carbais
Gorran	Tregony	Cred	St. Ewe
Phillyn	Cuby	Grampound	Mevagilly
			Gorran

TREGONING & PHILP, PRINTERS, TRURO.

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# Yeomanry and Volunteer Records II

This certifies that Mr Bond of Oving  
has lately been very ill with a  
complaint of the Lungs, and Chest  
of which he is not sufficiently <sup>recovered</sup>  
to attend the Troop of Yeomanry, as  
violent exertion on horse back,  
would be attended with danger

Windsor May 15 M Cowley  
Surgeon -  
W Hayward Junr  
Surgeon

[illegible]

(Left): Sick note for William Bond of Oving excusing him from yeomanry exercises, May 1811

(Right): Attestation Form for Louis Sawyer, 1<sup>st</sup> (Wiltshire) Company, Imperial Yeomanry, 1899.

# Wartime Expedients

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(Left): Return of Wagons under the Defence Act, Essex, 1803

(Right): Return for Whitchurch in the Bucks Posse Comitatus, 1798

# Bombs Over Bucks Database

COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Particulars of War Damage for information of District Valuer.

Date of Damage 18th/19th September, 1940.

Precise situation of property damaged

- (1) Wood End Farm, Moulsoe.
- (2) Spinnels Farm, Shabbington.
- (3) Great Missenden, The Lee, etc.
- (4) Laylands Farm, Spencers Green, Aston Clinton.
- (5) Denham, Fulmer Church District.

~~Slough Trading Estate, Mr. Wedgerley, and New Denham.~~

Nature and extent of damage

- (1) ~~Ricks damaged - farm buildings partially demolished - 60 ducks killed.~~
- (2) ~~Trained plane crashed - no material damage.~~
- (3) ~~The Lee - unexploded bomb - not verified. Great Missenden - one cottage, back lane demolished. Longat Farm - Mr. Chalfont Park - 2 unexploded bombs - not verified. I.B.s Three Gates Farm, Chartridge, and Wood Farm, Ashridge - in each case no material damage. Line of air raid siren damaged at Great Missenden. H.E. crater - bottom of Frith Hill. H.E. crater in Whitefield allotments. Electric cable over Whitefield Railway Bridge down. Five I.B.s Mr. Robinson's Farm, The Lee. I.B.s Buckland Common.~~
- (4) ~~Slight fires caused by five I.B.s. (One I.B. also dropped at South Park, Chivery.~~
- (5) ~~Unexploded bomb in open field 1/2 mile S.E. Denham Police Station - occupants of nearby houses evacuated.~~

~~I.B.s in a line Fulmer Church to Alderbourne Manor. 2 D.A. bombs reported in vicinity of Colnbrook Boating Lake - not verified. I.B.s near Fulmer - no material damage. I.B.s centre of Slough Trading Estate - fires extinguished. Unexploded bomb reported one mile south of Wedgerley - not confirmed. New Denham canal - 2 magnetic mines dropped - London-Oxford Road sited.~~

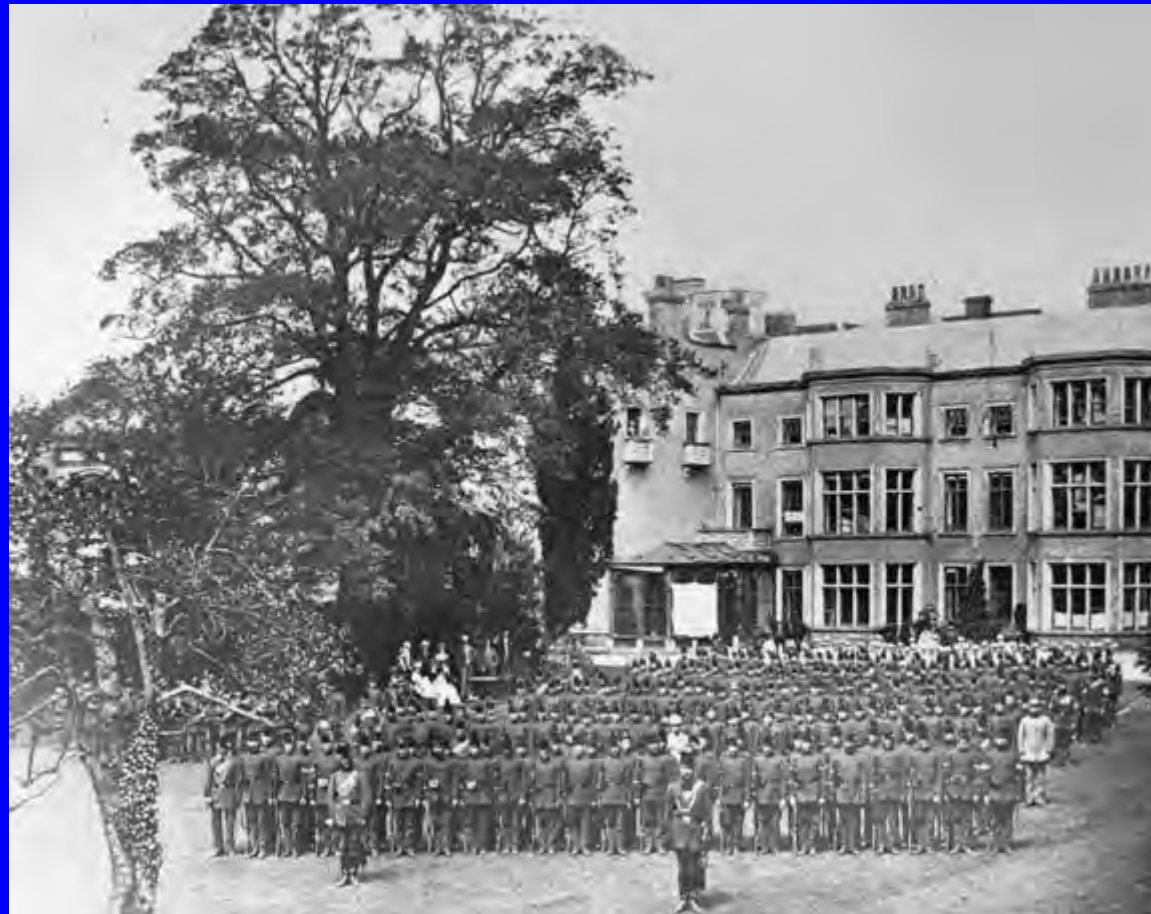
Parish: Aston Clinton  
Damage: German air raids

Date: 21st October 1940  
Place: Aston Clinton  
Details: No damage.  
Occurred between 19th and 21st October.

(Left): Report on Damage, 18-19 September 1940

(Above): Sample entry from map showing where bombs dropped





(Above): The 1<sup>st</sup> Bucks Rifle Volunteers  
at Claydon House, August 1875