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*From the desk of Faith Dorothy Dodge Nelson
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I hate going to the zoo. Perhaps that statement is a little strong, and I ought to say that I only dislike it. Whenever I go to the zoo, I walk a lot, most of the animals are hiding or inactive, and it is hot. So when my friend told me that she was taking some children to the zoo and invited me to go with her, I immediately began making excuses. I actually had some important work planned that day, and didn't want to waste the day at the zoo.

Also, we had just returned from a whirlwind trip to Denver for my nephew's graduation, and I didn't know if we had money in our budget for a "fun" event. And besides, the weather forecast for the day included heat. In the end, mothering guilt prevailed and I agreed to take my children.

It was hot—90 degrees. However, because most of the schools here are still in session, it wasn't crowded. That was a plus. Also, my friend had a special pass which admitted all of us for free, along with free rides on the train and carousel. We fed the sheep and goats, viewed the snakes, and passed by many lethargic animals who were trying to find cool places to rest. Eventually, it got to be lunch time. One of our friends knew of a reclusive spot. What a location!

In a circular clearing, with large rocks that served perfectly as benches, and immense trees providing ample shade, we ate our peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. As we munched, we viewed the red kangaroos who were close at hand. When I say close, I mean really close. I don't know how the zoo contains these animals, but there was no fence around the enclosure, simply a sign that warned us, "Please stay on the path." A mob of kangaroos rested in the shade nearby, while a mother with a joey in her pouch lay under a bush not more than 5 feet from us. Her little baby kangaroo would disappear into the pocket for a few minutes, then pop his ears and head out again, much to our amusement.

Eventually, we finished lunch and tore ourselves away from the kangaroos. By the time I returned our coolers to the van, and the rest of the gang took a train ride, the heat was unbearable and the children were tired. We had only seen about half the zoo. One more ride on the carousel finished our visit, and we headed home, with a stop for ice cream on the way.

When we related the day's events to my husband that evening, I surprised myself by going on and on about the kangaroos. I realized that I was glad we had gone after all. If I had stayed home and worked, I would never have remembered what I had done that day. But the one little surprise made a wonderful memory for my children and me. We will have to go back and see the rest of the zoo another day.

Instead of measuring my days by the amount work I accomplish, I want to measure them by the happy memories we make. I hope you plan a few memorable times with those you love this summer.

Faith

P.S. America's Memorial Day is arriving as this Journal is being printed. America's Flag Day is June 14th. Let us NOT FORGET those who have given their lives so that we might be free. Be sure to look at the back of this letter where we have published the names of ENGLISH SERVICEMEN who died in WWI for that country's freedom. The Next Journal, July/Aug will contain the names of those from Canada.

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English Dodges who gave the Ultimate Sacrifice

Alfred Dodge, Private G/24986, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) United Kingdom
Alfred died March 23, 1918. He is buried at POZIERES MEMORIAL., Grave memorial reference Panel 16.

Alfred Edmund Dodge, Private 14655 16/07/1916 26 South Lancashire Regiment United Kingdom Pier and Face 7 A and 7 B. **THIEPVAL MEMORIAL**—Alfred was the son of 'the late John Dodge'

Albert John Dodge, Gunner 10373 23/03/1919 48 Royal Field Artillery United Kingdom JJJ. 150. BRISTOL (ARNOS VALE) CEMETERY-
Albert was the 'Husband of the late Francis Sarah Dodge.'

Lineage - possibly John Dodge, Middle Chinnock, Somersetshire, England.

Augustus Kenneth Dodge; Private tr/8/9436 31/03/1917 Unknown Training Reserve United Kingdom 13. 9. SHERBORNE CEMETERY-Augustus was the son of Augustus William Dodge and Mildred Cooper

Lineage - probably John Dodge, Middle Chinnock, Somersetshire, England through his son Michael who did not come to America. . DNA testing of a descendant in the family ancestry of Augustus William Dodge, showed an exact match to DNA from the families of William and Richard

A.W. Dodge, Driver 49041 03/05/1915 Unknown Royal Field Artillery United Kingdom III. A. 28. LILLERS COMMUNAL CEMETERY

Charles William Dodge, Private 25490 07/10/1916 Unknown The King's (Liverpool Regiment) United Kingdom, Pier and Face 1 D 8 B and 8 C. **THIEPVAL MEMORIAL**

Ernest Edward Dodge, private 25527 25/03/1918 Unknown Hampshire Regiment, United Kingdom Bay 6. ARRAS MEMORIAL
His middle name was actually **Edwin**, but army records and his commemoration on the Arras war memorial show Edward. He was from a West Coker family so was very likely a John Branch Dodge.

G. Dodge, Rifleman 6149 27/03/1915 Unknown Rifle Brigade, United Kingdom, VIII. A. 15. RATION FARM MILITARY CEMETERY, LA CHAPELLE-D'ARMENTIERES

G. Dodge, Gunner 865132 28/12/1917 24 Royal Field Artillery, United Kingdom, II B. 7. BAGHDAD (NORTH GATE) WAR CEMETERY

George Arthur Dodge, Corporal 7295 15/09/1916 31 Leicestershire Regiment, United Kingdom, Pier and Face 2 C and 3 A. **THIEPVAL MEMORIAL**

George Bertram Dodge, Private 3173 09/05/1915 29 London Regiment, United Kingdom, Panel 10. PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL

Joseph Dodge, Private 58025 16/02/1919 35 East Yorkshire Regiment, United Kingdom, A. 3469. YEOVIL CEMETERY
Joseph was very likely a John Branch Dodge.

James Dodge, Private 14849 26/02/1919 29 Worcestershire Regiment, United Kingdom, Screen Wall. E. 27040. BIRMINGHAM (YARDLEY) CEMETERY

J.J. Dodge; Sapper 67901 21/05/1918 Unknown Royal Engineers, United Kingdom, I. B. 13. HOUCHIN BRITISH CEMETERY

John Wilks Dodge, Rifleman 392449 22/04/1917 41 London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles,) United Kingdom, X. B. 6. WARLINCOURT HALTE BRITISH CEMETERY, SAULTY

Harry Dodge, Nationality: United Kingdom; Rank: Able Seaman; Regiment/Service: Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve; Unit Text: Anson Bn. R.N. Div.; Service No: KP/564. Harry died Mar 14, 1915. He is memorialized Panel 8 to 15, HELLES MEMORIAL



Private Leslie Harold Dodge served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He died on February 18th 1919, aged 21. He is buried in TERLINVTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, Wimille, near Boulogne
Son of Arthur and Alice Dodge of Leicester.

The Medals for Leslie and Samuel are pictured on the left

Samuel Robert Dodge, master baker, served on the Clan McNaughton which went down in the Irish Sea 3rd Feb. 1915 after being torpedoed leaving no survivors or any trace of the ship. This was an armed merchant cruiser and it sank off the north coast of Ireland with the loss of all 261 on board. He was 40 yrs. old. He is memorialized at PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, ref. 10

Samuel's son, Edward Herbert Dodge, served in the 2nd World War.

Samuel was the son of John and Louisa Dodge, of Feltham, Middx.; husband of Frances Louisa Dodge, of 32, Rectory Rd., Little Thurrock, Grays, Essex.

William Dodge, Nationality: Service No: 280887; United Kingdom; Rank: Chief Stoker; Regiment/Service: Royal Navy, H.M.S. Pembroke
William died June 9, 1918, age: 45 and is buried at EAST FARLEIGH (ST. MARY) New ground. 214. CHURCHYARD He was the husband of Mary Jane Dodge, of 9, Invicta Cottages, Farleigh Hill, Tovil, Maidstone.