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Dear Mrs. Brace:

Following our chat some time ago, and I do apologise for the delay, I enclose photographs of my families at Hearston and Hanging Stone and hope they will be of interest to you.

You mentioned you had a photograph of the army camp at Hearston and if you could let me have a copy, it would be appreciated.

Whenever we go down 'home' we endeavour to visit Hanging Stone and whilst I was too young to have any childhood memories of the farm, I often wonder what life was like, particularly in those difficult years of 1932/33 – remoteness, considerable hardship, wonderful views, stunning sights when the moon shone through trees onto the Cromlech.

I wish you every success in researching your worthwhile project and perhaps you could let me have your E-Mail address so that I may contact you if I come across anything further.

Kind regards  
Glen (Thomas.)

farms & families  
@ Hearston  
+ Hangingstone

from GLEN THOMAS  
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Mary Ann Thomas and Family at Hearston  
Farm house shortly before start of World War I

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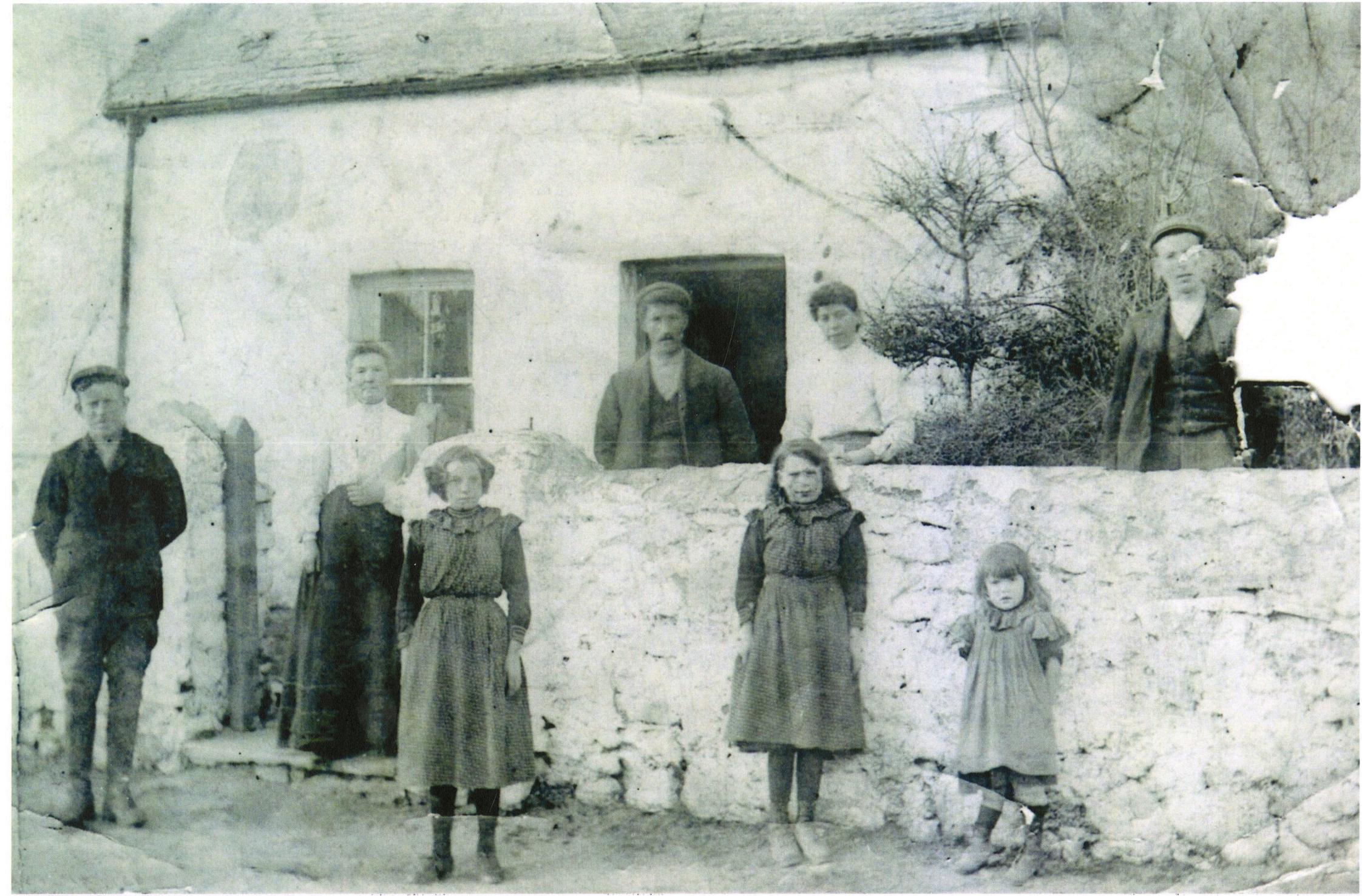
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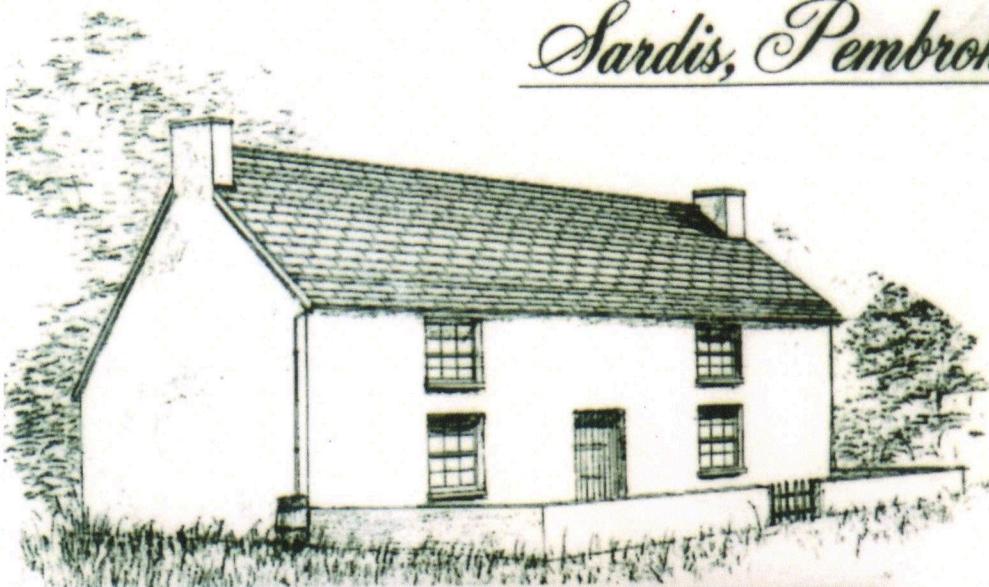
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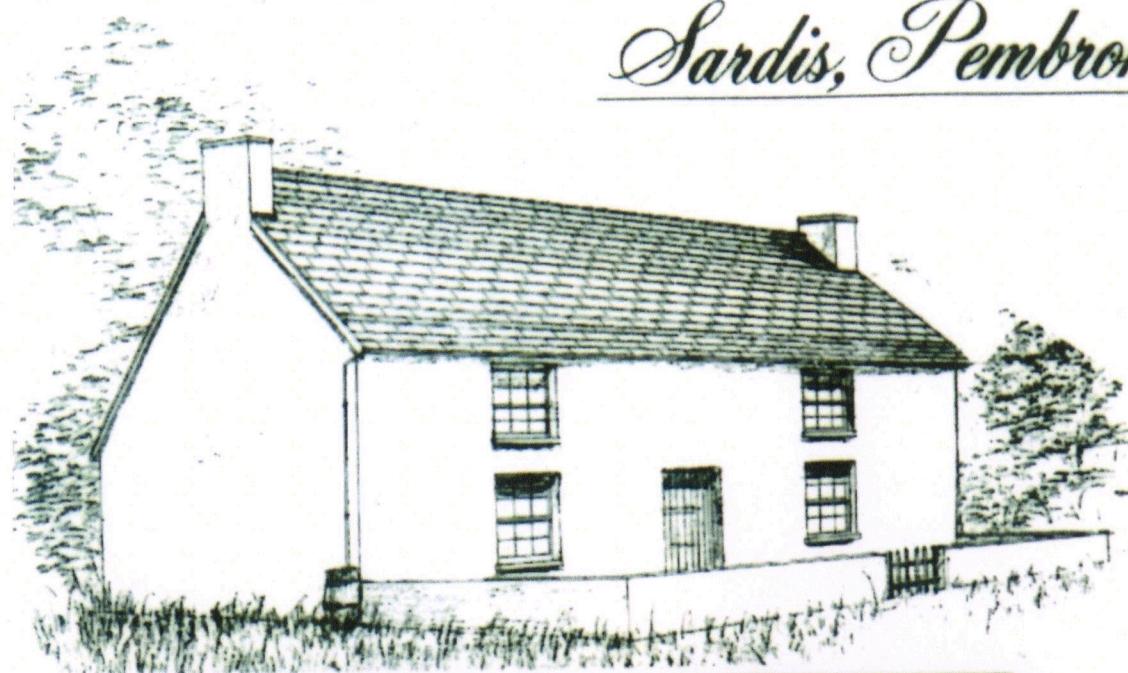


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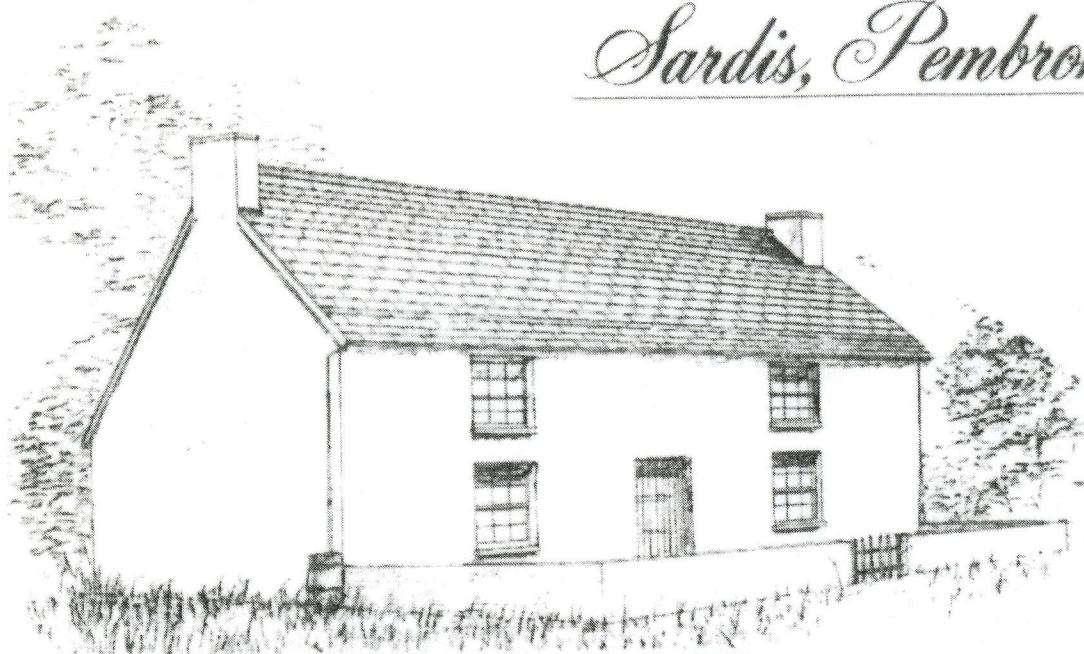
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Figure 9: A section of 'fire trench' located adjacent to along the roadside at Sardis and appears to be defined by a line of self-seeded ash trees.

Further information supplied by Roger Thomas includes a number of contemporary photographs of camps (Figs 10 and 11: Penally) and the construction of practice trenches at Yeomanry Field, Tenby, (see front cover photograph).



Figure 10: Penally Camp

Image provided by Roger JC Thomas.