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I was brought up at Marwell Cross Gardens just out side the village of Ringmore near Kingsbridge in South Devon. Before my Father and his parents bought the property in 1950ish it had been used as a seach light base during the war. I would love to hear from anyone who was stationed there or had relitives stationed there, according to the deeds the propey was know as Beuna Vista before my family purchased it, but I don't know if it was know by any other name prior to this. My Mother was brought up in the village and although she spent most of the war at boarding school I can recall her saying that she thought the sections of the Buffs and the Black Watch were stationed there. My Grandfather's farmland would have broadered the property, this farm was Houghton Farm and was owned by the May family other near by properties would have been Marwell and Noddon farms though I don't know who owned them at time. I can remember that we were always digging up remains of the carbon rods used in the search lights. I only wish now that I had kept some of these to show my children rather than chucking them over my shoulder, although they have had the chance to get close to a search light whilst visiting the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. My Father used the bricks that formed the base for the search light as a mantle piece when he converted the army buildings into a bungalow. If you recognise any of this please contact me at [ashton@awslandfarm.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:ashton@awslandfarm.freeserve.co.uk) I wouldn't be suprised if someof the people that you may have met in the village still live there!

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