

cottages on the site now occupied by Forrester House and part of Halletts (nearest Hythe). They took any sums however small for either card and saved it for us until Xmas (or until needed). It was a great help towards Christmas, especially as work in Winter was scarce, and in those days outside workers lost their pay if the weather was bad – no dole or national insurance then! The other two of these cottages were occupied by old Mrs Moore and her son. One room of the first was a fish shop with really fresh caught fish, and the other house their living place.

There were three more wooden houses where the block of council dwellings now stands – between Howard Godfrey and Corral's Coal Shop. Godfrey's shop is the lower part of the Gough Home, which was soldiers' home in my young days. It provided books and meals and hot baths, and was a great comfort for many troops. Now the upper part is the Masonic Quarters.