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The churchyard.

Looking across the churchyard we see the row of very small granite headstones and if we look at them closely we see they're just initials and a date on them, so its not possible to identify who they are unless you have records, but they're the graves of people who died in the Prison, so they're prisoners' burial sites with nothing to identify them except the date and the initials. Many other memorials too though, there're memorials to the Bolt family and we know of Bolt's shop in the high street, and the Lords as well, from Lord's Café, big Princetown families for whom there are many memorials in the churchyard. And on the south wall of the churchyard there's a memorial which reads 'In memory of three valiant soldiers of the Seventh Royal Fusiliers', these are soldiers who came up in the snow to look after the prisoners in the Prison and who died on the way, in the course of duty therefore, and shows the sad conditions, the difficult conditions, cold conditions there were on the way up to Princetown, as there still are in bad weather.