

Frederick William John Lane

Private, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 12685)

Born about January 1888 in Blandford

Second son of Frederick (a groom, who died in 1898) and Annie (who died on 8th September 1917) Lane of 4 Lawrence Yard, White Cliff Mill Street, Blandford

Married Amy Dyer in Blandford on 8th October 1911

Father one daughter (Gladys Amy, born 11th December 1911) and one son (Frederick, born 24th September 1913)

Lived at 4 White Cliff Mill Street, Blandford

Worked as a stone mason

Enlisted on 28th December 1914; posted to France on 13th May 1915; wounded (gunshot wound to ankle) March 1916

Killed in action during the advance from Authuille Wood on 1st July 1916 (the first day of the Somme offensive), aged 28

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme

(His elder brother, Henry, died of wounds in 1918; his younger brother, Albert, was also killed on 1st July 1916; his younger brother, Reginald, was killed in 1917; his elder brother, William, survived the war)