

Harold Edward Kerley, DCM

*Private, 2nd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. PO/
10268)*

Born in 1890, probably in Stourpaine

*Son of George (a printer's labourer) and Milicant Kerley
of 35 Dorset Street, Blandford*

Worked as an agricultural labourer

Enlisted May 1908; served in India

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal

*Taken prisoner-of-war in the surrender of Kut-eL-
Amara, Turkey, on 29th April 1916*

*Died of acute enteritis at Mossul on 20th June 1916,
aged 27*

*Probably buried in Mosul and is also commemorated on
the Basra Memorial, Iraq*