

Harry James Lane

Private, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 3/6404)

Born about May 1885 in Blandford

Eldest 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 May Ellen Smith in Poole about August 1917

Father of one son, Eric (born about May 1918)

Lived at Brown's Yard, East Street, Blandford

Worked as a labourer

Posted to France September 1914

Died of wounds sustained near Happlincourt on the Somme on 31st August 1918, aged 33

Buried in Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Somme

(His younger brothers, Frederick and Albert, were both killed on 1st July 1916; his younger brother, Reginald, was killed in 1917; his elder brother, William, survived the war)