

Reginald Bertie Lane

Private, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 10144)

Born about February 1896 in Blandford

Youngest 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

Worked as a labourer

Enlisted on 26th August 1914, giving his age as 19 years 245 days; posted to the Balkans in 1st July 1915; sustained gunshot wounds to upper extremities on 15th August 1915; treated in UK August-November 1915; returned to France on 28th September 1916

Killed in action during the attack from Beaucourt on the Somme on 11th January 1917, aged 21

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

(His eldest brother, Henry, died of wounds in 1918; his elder brothers, Frederick and Albert, were both killed on 1st July 1916; his other elder brother, William, survived the war)