

2nd (Reserve) Battalion Welsh Guards Service No. 3431



Guardsman ERNEST GEORGE HORNE

Born in Wherwell in 1898.

Died at Fulham, London, on 4th January 1917.

Aged 18.

ERNEST GEORGE HORNE was born in 1898 in Wherwell. A son of Alfred Harry Horne, of 'Hillcrest', Chilbolton, and his wife Laura Andrews. Alfred Horne then moved to Bransbury when he was a water keeper for trout fishing on the River Test.

Ernest was brother to William Herbert, Alfred Charles, Lewis Austin and Florence Daisy.

The Welsh Guards was raised by Royal Warrant on 26th February 1915 on order of King George V, to complete the national compliment of regiments of Foot Guards identified with the countries of the United Kingdom. The 1st battalion sailed for France on 18th August 1915 to join the Guards Division who were engaged in various actions on the Western Front.

Records are vague but Guardsman Ernest Horne appears to have been attached to the 2nd (Reserve) battalion, which was based in London, when he died from unknown causes in Fulham on 4th January 1917.

His name is recorded on the War Memorial at All Saints' Church although he is buried in the churchyard in Chilbolton, Hampshire.

