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ERNEST KITLEY

2/7TH BATTALION

DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY

Pension Record Details for

Ernest KITLEY

Ernest Kitley was aged 36 years and 3 months, from Upton Lovell, when he enlisted with the British Army. He was a married Labourer & served 259 days with 2nd Wilts Regt. before being was invalided. His next of kin was listed as Mrs Sarah Dewey of Upton Lovell – his sister. Ernest Kitley had married Clara Isabell Jones at Warminster Register Office on 15th November, 1906 (Ernest's records state the year as being 1905). Their marriage was registered in the December quarter, 1906. The present address of his wife was recorded as "Deserted Not Known". No children were listed.

Ernest Kitley re-enlisted & was attached to 2/7th Durham Light Infantry & attested on 30th June, 1916 & was posted on 8th July, 1916. After serving 57 days he was discharged on 28th August, 1916. His age was listed as 35 years & 126 days (Discrepancy with age from above). Private Ernest Kitley was discharged on the grounds of Epilepsy.

Earlier Years

Ernest Kitley was born in 1881 at Heytesbury, Wiltshire to parents Thomas and Rhoda Kitley (nee Dicks). His birth was registered in the June quarter of 1881 in the district of Warminster. Ernest's parents had married in 1880 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Heytesbury.

The 1891 Census recorded Ernest Kitley as a 10 year old, living with his family at New Town, Heytesbury. His parents were listed as Thomas Kitley (Agricultural Labourer, aged 34) & Rhoda Kitley (aged 35). Ernest was the eldest of 7 children in this Census – Ernest, Edith (aged 8 – "from birth blind & dumb"), Sarah (aged 7), George (aged 5), Charles (aged 4), Bertie (aged 2) and Frank (aged 3 months). The whole family had been born at Heytesbury.

The 1901 Census recorded Ernest Kitley as a 20 year old Cattleman on a farm, living with his family at Heytesbury. His parents were listed as Thomas Kitley (Cattleman on a farm, aged 45) & Rhoda Kitley (aged 44). Ernest was the eldest of 10 children in this Census – Ernest, Sarah (aged 17), George (Butcher's labourer, aged 15), Charlie (Farm servant, aged 14), Bert (aged 12), Frank (aged 10) and new additions since previous census – Walter (aged 80, Arthur (aged 6), Alfred (aged 3) & Ethel (aged 1). The last four children were also all born at Heytesbury.

The 1911 Census recorded Ernest Kitley as a 30 year old, married, Farm Labourer, living as a boarder with Henry James Dewey (Saddler, aged 34) & his wife Sarah (aged 27) & their one year old son Reginald John at Water Street, Upton Lovell. Sarah Dewey was Ernest's younger sister.

A death was registered in the June quarter, 1950 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire for Ernest Kitley. He was aged 69.