



LANCE CORPORAL WILLIAM HENRY (HARRY) BROWN

SERVICE NO. 10819

2ND BATTALION, THE HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT

DATE OF DEATH 12 June 1915, (aged 33)

BATTLE The first attack on Krithia, Gallipoli Campaign

REGIMENT 2nd Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment

DEATH Died of wounds

FAMILY DETAILS Harry had been born in Newbury, Berkshire²⁹, but had spent most of his life 'in the neighbourhood of Odiham'³⁰. On 1 February 1899 he enlisted for service in the Militia/ 3rd Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment at Winchester. This just required his attendance at an annual training camp. His address at the time was Hook Villa Cottage, Hook, near Winchfield, where he was a groom working for Mrs Payne³¹. In 1911 Harry was living in Poland Lane, Odiham³² and working as a chauffeur/coachman for Captain Charles Petre of Poland House. Later he moved to Southampton to be in service to Colonel Lloyd (late of Itchel Manor). We know from Harry's Commonwealth War Graves Commission certificate that he had married Bessie, nee Cripps, who was living in Carey Street, Reading at the time of his death. Harry and Bessie had 'one child, about two years old' at the time of his death³³.

MEMORIAL East Mudros Military Cemetery

MEDALS 1914 Star
British War Medal
Victory Medal

²⁹ UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919 database, www.Ancestry.co.uk

³⁰ Obituary in the Hants & Berks Gazette, 3 July 1915

³¹ British Army Service Records on Findmypast.co.uk – TNA ref: WO96 / 642 / 231

³² 1911 Census, Odiham, Hampshire - ref. RG14PN6247 RG78PN296 RD109 SD1 ED13 SN119

³³ Obituary in the Hants & Berks Gazette, 3 July 1915