

Horace Spencer Brown

198, Hunts Cyclist Battalion, 39293, Princess Charlotte of Wales' (Royal Berkshire Regiment). Died 5 November 1916 aged 19



Horace was born in Abbots Ripton in December 1897, the second son of Ebenezer, an insurance agent from Warboys, and Hephzibah (nee Denmee). Horace had six brothers and sisters and the family settled at 8 Station Road, Warboys, where Ebenezer worked as a draper's assistant.

On leaving school Horace was first an errand boy and then became a carpenter. He enlisted with the newly formed Hunts Cyclists Battalion in Warboys 27 March 1914, apparently keen to serve with the territorial force.

After training Horace served with the Royal Berkshire Regiment. The regiment fought in all the major battles including Mons, Ypres, Langemark, Loos, Albert and Thiepval during which time Horace was promoted to Corporal.



Horace was killed in action 5 November 1916, age 19, during the Battle of Ancre Heights on the Somme. The appalling winter weather caused great hardship and delays to supplies. The British objectives were eventually secured on the 11th November.

Horace was buried in Euston Road Cemetery, Colin Camps, Somme, with 12 others of his regiment.

Horace's older brother **Harold Brown** also died 24 August 1917. His brother William married Emma the daughter of **Arthur Butterworth**. Their father lived until 1951 and their mother until 1957.



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