

John William Brewitt

John William Brewitt was born in 1895 in Holme Lane.

In 1911, whilst John's parents were still living in a 5 room house in Holme Lane with John's siblings Joseph aged 13 years, Annie Elsie aged 10 years, Albert aged 9 years, Ernest aged 6 years and 3 year old twins Susie and Alice, John, now aged 16 years, had 'moved up the road' to Holly Farm, Bassingfield to work for Henry Brailsford Wood as a farm servant. He also served with the 8th Sherwood Foresters Territorial Force.

On 5th November 1913 aged 17 years he emigrated to Melbourne, Australia.

In Australia he worked as a labourer, but with the outbreak of the First World War, John William Brewitt enlisted with the 6th Battalion Australian Infantry on the 8th July 1915 and embarked from Melbourne aboard HMAT Osterley on 29th September 1915.

In March 1916 they proceeded from Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force and disembarked in Marseille in April. On 25th July 1916 he was wounded in action, admitted to the Canadian General Hospital in Etaple and discharged in August 1916.

However Private John William Brewitt was killed in action on 20th September 1917 and is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres.

He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal.



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