

William Hann

Stoke Roll of Honour

War Memorial

Gunner - RFA

4 August 1916 - Private W Hann and Evan Phelps have been transferred from hospital in India to England after their strenuous experiences in the Persian Gulf.

Western Gazette

October 1916 - P Dodge, R Batstone, Cyril Gold, **Wm Hann**, and others have been home for a change.

Parish Magazine - Stoke under Ham

June 1917 - The whole village has been moved to sadness by the pathetic death of Gunner William Hann RFA. He never completely got over the fever he had in Mesopotamia. Serving with his regiment at Littleton Parnell in Wilts, and apparently feeling very ill, he applied for home leave on Tuesday May 22nd. The Regimental Doctor advised him to go into hospital, but he pleaded for home, and got his leave. He had great difficulty in walking up from Montacute station, and went to bed as soon as he got home; he died early Thursday morning, being quite unconscious the last 12 hours.

William Hann was a fine soldier. He went all through the African War and joined at once on the outbreak of the present war. He served with an Indian Regiment in France and went through all the early days of Neuve-Chapelle and Loos unscathed. The Vicar got him a short home leave to steady his nerves after those thrilling days. He was sent with his Regiment to India when all the Indian troops were withdrawn from France as they could not stand the winter in the trenches. From Egypt he was sent to Mesopotamia for the expedition to relieve Kut, and there contracted the fever, due mainly to mosquitoes, from which he never properly recovered, though sent back to Egypt and England.

Gunner Hann was a fine typical artillery man who gave the whole of his life for God, King and Country. He leaves a widow and four children who have our sincerest sympathy in their great loss, and also with his parents.

His funeral took place at East Stoke on Whitsun Day. The military authorities were unable to arrange a military funeral.

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Gunner William Hann 89632. Royal Field Artillery. Died 24 May 1917 aged 48. Son of Harry and Susan Hann, husband of Ellen Hann of High Street, Stoke sub Hamdon. South. 2. 16.

*War Graves of the British Empire
Stoke under Ham Churchyard*