


Ansty Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918




HORACE FRED PIKE
of Stour Provost, Dorset

Date/place of birth	15 October 1896 Todber, Dorset (Abode Stour Row Dorset)	1
Birth registered	Dec Q 1896 Shaftesbury Reg District 5a 225	2
Baptised	20 December 1896 Todber Dorset	1
Father	Ernest Pike of Stour Provost. Married June Q 1896 Sturminster Reg District 5a 492	2
Mother	Rose (nee Acourt) of Marnhull, Dorset	2
Siblings	Howard, Arthur, Harold	5
1901 Census	Todber Gate, Stour Provost. Age 4. Mother's occupation Gloving Machinist, Father's occupation Farm Labourer	5
1911 Census	Stour Provost, Dorset. Age 14, occupation Labourer on Farm	5

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	6 th (Service) Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Gillingham Dorset, 7 September 1914 (Service Record)	
Service Number	11045	3
Medals	14-15 Star / British War / Victory	4
Date of Death/Age	4 July 1916 age 19	3
Cause of Death	Died of wounds	6
Burial/Memorial	Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave Ref 11.A.7	3




Horace Pike was awarded 14-15 Star for service in Gallipoli with 5th Battalion Dorset Regiment



Ansty Plaque

Name PIKE	Corps <i>Dorset R.</i>	Rank <i>Plt</i>	Regt. No. <i>11045</i>				
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Horace Pike originally enlisted with 5th Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment serving in Gallipoli from 1 July 1915 - 17 Feb 1916. Returning to the UK, he transferred to the 6th Battalion and went to France on 1st June where he was attached to 2nd Bn Hampshire Regiment (in the field) on 16 June 1916.

The Battle of Albert 1-13 July 1916 (Opening phase of the Battle of the Somme)
1 July 1916 was an unparalleled disaster for the British and proved to be the worst day in the nation's military history with some 60,000 casualties of which 20,000 were fatalities.

"The next morning (2 July) we gunners surveyed the dreadful scene in front of us it became clear that the Germans always had a commanding view of No Man's Land. The (British) attack had been brutally repulsed. Hundreds of dead were strung out like wreckage washed up to a high water-mark. Quite as many died on the enemy wire as on the ground, like fish caught in the net. They hung there in grotesque postures. Some looked as if they were praying; they had died on their knees and the wire had prevented their fall. Machine gun fire had done its terrible work."
George Coppard, machine gunner at the Battle of the Somme

Horace Pike received a gunshot wound to his right thigh on 1 July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme. He died 3 days later in the Casualty Clearing Station.

£8 War Gratuity paid to Rose Pike (Mother), Ansty, Wiltshire

Commemorated: Memorial Plaque St James' Church, Ansty

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1 = Parish Registers
4 = Medal Index Card

2 = GRO Register
5 = 1891/1901/1911 Census

3 = Commonwealth War Graves Commission
6 = UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919