

# John (Jack) Horace PESTELL



- Born:** 1880 in Irstead
- Baptised:** not known
- Parents:** Horace Pestell and Louisa Baldwin
- Siblings:** Hannah Louisa (born 1879 in Dilham)  
Ethel (born 1886 in South Walsham)
- School:** Probably Neatishead
- Occupation:** Farm Labourer (1911 Census)
- Address:** The Street, Irstead (1911 Census)  
Later lived in Neatishead  
On NM 1918 Register of Electors, The Street, Irstead
- Marriage:** Beatrice Hudson, aged 22  
25<sup>th</sup> July 1904, Neatishead Church  
*(1901 census shows Beatrice, born in Barton Turf, living in Neatishead, occupation School Teacher)*
- Children:** Mabel Beatrice (born 13<sup>th</sup> December 1904)  
John Horace (second born child 24<sup>th</sup> November 1905, died December 1906, aged 13 months)  
Gladys Marjorie (born 16<sup>th</sup> March 1907)  
Sydney John (20<sup>th</sup> October 1910)

Elsie Maude (12<sup>th</sup> September 1919)

**Military and War Service:**

Enlisted 5<sup>th</sup> June 1916 in the Royal Garrison Artillery, for the duration of the war occupation – milkman, Reg No 147596

**Army Form Descriptive Report on Enlistment** gives his height as 5' 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" and gives details of his family. This same form gives **Military History** which states that he suffered an injury to his right arm on 28.5.1918.

**Army Statement of Service**

5.6.16 to 9.6.17 at home (presumably training in the UK)  
10.6.17 to 9.6.18 in France, 10.6.18 to 6.3.19 at home, and discharged

**This form also refers to his injury which was a GSW (gunshot wound) to his right arm which was amputated.**

**Army Form B.104-53** also refers to his injury on 28.5.18 and that he was transferred to Adm 83 General Hospital, Boulogne on 29.5.18 where his right arm was amputated.

**Medals and Certificate:** Victory, British and Honourable Discharge Certificate



**Death:** 1961, Neatishead