Horace Edgar Bunker

Horace was born in the third quarter of 1891, and was baptised at the St Johns Wood, All Saints Church London on the 10th of April 1892. His parents were William and Harriett Bunker. His father is listed as a Coachman and their address was 1 Finchley Place. St John's Wood is a district of north-west London, in the City of Westminster, and on the north-west side of Regent's Park.

Service number WR177

Enlisted 19 November 1913 as a Sapper

Disembarked for service at St Nazaire – France in 1914

Horace served for a period of 4 ½ years under the Royal Fusiliers. He was sent to a casualty clearing station in September 1915 and then onto the Hospital Ship 'Brighton.' He appears to have been assigned as a Clerk in this time, until he was sent back into the field with the 8th Battalion in April 1916. Being on the ship obviously allowed him enough time to get married. The marriage of Horace Bunker and 'Nellie' Ellen Louisa Hutt was solemnized on February 3rd 1916 in the St John Church in Upper Holloway, they were both aged 24 years. During war service he made his way to becoming a Lance Corporal.

He and his wife resided after the war at 52 Cottenham Rd, Upper Holloway, in London's North. On the 1930 Electoral Register it appears that they shared the residence with Ellen's parents and brother, William, Charlotte and William John Hutt.

Horace and Ellen had two sons, Horace JW Bunker and Leslie J Bunker.

Leslie and wife Maud with their 3 children, Paul, Linda and Jacqueline came out to Australia via Fremantle in 1957. They moved straight to Kay Street, Traralgon.

Horace and Ellen arrived in Melbourne aboard the *Fair Sky* in September 1959, they eventually settled in Shakespeare Street, Traralgon. Horace was a retired man by this stage.

By 1963 Horace JW is also living in Australia with his wife Sylvia. He is listed as a plumber and brother, Leslie is listed as a trades assistant.

Horace Edgar Bunker passed away October 20 1973, his plaque has the Royal Fusiliers emblem.

1 Royal Fusiliers cap badge

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