

Ernst-August Runne

This little darling came to me in a photo lot of 5 photos. The other photos were taken in Mönchengladbach, Germany. This one was the only one identified.



The back of the photo reads: ***Ernst August Runne, November 1914, Uefingen (Brschwg).***

Ernst-August Runne was born on February 19th, 1914, in Üfingen (today in the region of Salzgitter in Niedersachsen). So in this photo he was about 9 months old. It was common for little boys to be dressed up in what looks like girls' dresses at the turn of the last century. I'm glad that this photo has been labelled, otherwise I, too, would have perhaps thought this was a little girl instead.

Born into one war, killed in another... Unfortunately like many young men of his generation, Ernst-August was killed in WWII. According to his military file, available on Ancestry, he was killed in September 1942 during a bombing in Voronezh in Russia. Ernst-August left behind wife Hilde and perhaps a child or two but this I don't know for a fact.

Not much else is known to me about Ernst-August or his family. Hilde lived in Mönchengladbach in 1951 and was listed as a widow. She was working as a civil servant in the 1960s and early 70s. But I have no other information on the couple, their parents or their possible offspring. Was Ernst-August perhaps your father, grandfather, great-grandfather?



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