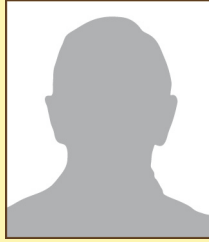




**10th Battalion
Rifle Brigade
(The Prince Consort's Own)
Service No. S/1158**



Rifleman SIDNEY DOSWELL

Born in Barton Stacey in 1891.

**Died of wounds
on 6th April 1917.**

Aged 26.

SIDNEY DOSWELL was born in 1891 in Barton Stacey, son of Alfred Doswell, a domestic gardener, and his wife Elizabeth Noke. They lived in one of the thatched cottages which stood between Wade's Farm and the Methodist Chapel in Barton Stacey.

Sidney was elder brother to Ethel, Ivy, Alfred, Violet Primrose, Reginald, Annie Elizabeth, Cyril Edward and Amy Beryl. He was a farm carter.

He had a consecutive service number to his cousin Herbert Doswell so they would have enlisted together in Winchester.

He enlisted in 1914, with his cousin Herbert Doswell (who also fell) as a Rifleman in the 10th (Service) Battalion, the Rifle Brigade.

The battalion was formed in Winchester in September 1914 as part of the 59th Brigade in the 20th (Light) Division. Initially in the UK, they embarked for War on 21st July 1915.

After fighting in Laventie, Ypres and the Somme, from 1915 to 1917, the battalion was involved in the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line in 1917. Success against the enemy continued along the Front south of Arras, particularly on the 4th and 5th of April, where Sidney Doswell was mortally wounded.

He died from his wounds on 6th April 1917.

He is buried in the Bray Military Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Reference 11.F.12.

BRAY MILITARY CEMETERY



The cemetery was begun in April 1916 by fighting units and field ambulances. In September 1916, the front line having been pushed further east, it was used by the XIV Corps Main Dressing Station and in 1917, the 5th, 38th and 48th Casualty Clearing Stations came forward and used it.