

1st Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers Service No. 25234



Corporal FREDERICK BROAD

Born in Barton Stacey in 1891.

Killed in action on the Somme on 21st March 1918.

Aged 26.

FREDERICK BROAD was born in 1891 at Barton Stacey, son of Samuel Broad, a farm carter, and his wife Mary Gaiger. They lived in a cottage close to the Plough Inn, Barton Stacey.

Frederick was elder brother to Bertha Annie, Charles, Hilda May, David Edward and Harold Percy.

He was a farm carter like his father but became the village policemen and lived in New Cottage, Barton Stacey.

He enlisted on 13th December 1915 at Aldershot and was promoted to L/Corporal on 31st March 1917.

He suffered from bronchopneumonia and spent time in Brook War Hospital at Woolwich, then was on furlough until 6th August 1917. He returned to his battalion in France on 9th September 1917.

He was killed on 21st March 1918 - the first day of the Second Battle of the Somme, sometimes called the Second Battle of St. Quentin.

His battalion ended the war at Mouscron, North East of Tourcoing, Belgium.

His name is recorded on the Pozieres Memorial, Panels 76-77.

POZIERES MEMORIAL



The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who died on the Somme from 21st March to 7th August 1918.