



## Charles Blamires

**1889 -1916**



Charles was born in the March Quarter of 1889 in Dewsbury when his family were living at 19, Swallow Street; his full name was officially registered as Charley Blamires. In 1911 there is a record of him living in 35, Albion Street, Ravensthorpe. His parents were William Blamires (sometime Blamire), a stone mason who had been born in Dewsbury in 1860 and his wife Eliza Ann (Nee Ledgard) who had been born in Mexborough in 1861. The couple married at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Dewsbury Moor in 1882. The 1911 Census states that the couple had had nine children four of whom had died. The family surname had several spelling variations.

Charles worked as a taker-in at a glass factory, probably Kilner Brothers

Charles married Edith Senior in Dewsbury in the December Quarter of 1912; in 1918 she remarried to a Joseph Day.

Charles had joined the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment enlisting in Mirfield and had then been transferred to the South Staffordshire Regiment as Private 2447. He served as Private Charles Blaymire 37105 in the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment and met his death on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916 when The Glosters took part in what was to be the last set piece attack of the Battle of the Somme. Despite the fact that the first objective was achieved, this was only a partial success and the attack ground to a halt in the face of ferocious retaliation and casualties were heavy, Snow had fallen overnight and sleet was falling which reduced visibility to virtually nil. The Glosters lost twelve officers and 283 other ranks, Charles Blamire was amongst them.

Charles was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial along with over 72,000 British and Commonwealth Servicemen who have no known grave.

He is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park, in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Parish Church.

In Memory of

Private

## Charles Blaymire

37105, 8th Bn., Gloucestershire Regiment who died on 18 November 1916

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