Henry John Harris

8677 Sergeant –
"A" Company, the 1st Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment.

Son of John and Loveday Harris, of Shiverstone Cottages, Dawlish Water, Dawlish,

1891 The family lived in Pill Farm Cottage with first children Edith and Ellen
Henry was born in Dawlish in the December Quarter of 1892

In 1901, the family lived at No 3 Queen Lane, Dawlish.
Father John, also born in Dawlish, was a carter working on a farm.
His mother was born in North Tawton.
There were 2 more sisters Winnifred and Alice and a brother Charley all born in Dawlish.

1911 Census – age 21 single – Private in 2nd Battalion Devonshire Rgmt in Malta
(1910 Malta ; 1912 Egypt ; 1914.11 France and Flanders)

Enlisted: 6th November 1914 at Exeter

Died of wounds on 26 August 1918 aged 27. Campaigned in France/Flanders

Victory medal

British medal

Buried:
Bagneux British cemetery
Geziaincourt V.C. 8
Somme

At the end of March, the 3rd, 29th and 56th Casualty Clearing Stations moved to Gezaincourt, where they were joined for a short time in April by the 45th. They remained until September. The cemetery was begun in April 1918, after the close of the German offensive in Picardy. The 3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital, in the citadel at Doullens, also buried in this cemetery in May and June 1918, and the 2nd Canadian Division in April and May. The graves in Plot III, Row A relate to a bombing raid over Doullens on 30 May 1918.

There are 1,374 servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in the cemetery.

The cemetery was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.

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COMPREHENSIVE REPORT B HEADSTONE PERSONAL INSCRIPTIONS
to be read in conjunction with
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together with
TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used
are quoted on the badge design).

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NAME OF CEMETERY

BAGNEUX BRITISH CEM.C

Badge Design No. and Layout (1)	Head-stone No. (2)	Line 1 (3)	Line 2 (4)	Line 3 (5)	Line 4 (6)	No Le
		TEXT				
1026/1B	989	GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN (Mr.A.Walters, 8, Gladstone Rd., Crowborough, Sussex.)				1
1017/1D	990	HE SERVES NOW	AMONG THE BLEST	OUR HERO WHO HAS DIED (Mrs.M. Scurfield, 28, Swan St., Bearpark, Nr.Durham.)		4
	991	(Mr. W. Precious, Hirst Courtney, Nr.Selby, Yorkshire.)				
1014/2E	992	WHEN THY VOICE SHALL BID (Mr.John Harris, Shiverstone Cottages, Dawlish Water, Dawlish.)	OUR CONFLICT CEASE	CALL US O LORD	TO THINE ETERNAL PEACE	6

Devonshire Regiment
1st Battalion

04.08.1914 Stationed in Jersey at the outbreak of war.
21.08.1914 Mobilised for war and landed at Havre.
14.09.1914 Joined the 8th Brigade of the 3rd Division.
30.09.1914 Transferred to the 14th Brigade of the 5th Division and engaged in various actions on the Western Front including;
During 1914
The Battle of La Bassee, The Battle of Messines, The First Battle of Ypres.
Dec 1914 This Battalion took part in the Christmas Truce of 1914.
During 1915
The Second Battle of Ypres and the Capture of Hill 60.
12.01.1916 Transferred to the 95th Brigade of the 5th Division.
During 1916
The Attacks on High Wood, The Battle of Guillemont, The Battle of Flers-Courcelette, The Battle of Morval, The Battle of Le Transloy.
During 1917
The Battle of Vimy, The Attack on La Coulotte, The Third Battle of the Scarpe, The Battle of Polygon Wood, The Battle of Broodseinde, The Battle of Poelcapelle, The Second Battle of Passchendaele.
27.11.1917 Moved to Italy to strengthen the Italian resistance.
07.04.1918 Returned to France and once again engaged in various actions on the Western Front including;
During 1918
The Battle of Hazebrouck, The Battle of Albert, The Battle of Bapaume, The Battle of Drocourt-Queant, The Battle of the Epehy, The Battle of the Canal du Nord, The pursuit to the Selle, The Battle of the Selle.
11.11.1918 Ended the war in France, Le Quesnoy.