

William Henry Horwill

A/202644 Rifleman in 12th Battalion Kings Royal Rifle Corps

Born- Morchard Bishop, Devon 1877
Son of William Horwill and wife Sarah.

1881 and 1891 – Family were living in Morchard Bishop near Crediton
Father was an agricultural labourer. Sisters: Ellen and Alice. Brother Frederick. All
born there. (*see Life Story for further detail*)

1901 – William aged 23, was working as a carter to the Brunswick flour mill run by
James Edwin Lock.

1911 William was still working at Brunswick Mill.

Enlisted Exeter

Died of wounds 21st March 1918, Somme, France/Flanders, aged 40.
His effects were passed to his sister Annie Newman £56 6s 4d Winchester May 1919

Buried in Pozieres memorial cemetery, France

1914-1921

France

Fifth and Fourth Army Areas, 21st March to 7th August, 1918, Part Five

Hateley-Kernaghan

King's Royal Rifle Corps during World War 1

The Regiment raised 22 Battalions in total during the course of World War I and
saw action on the Western Front, Macedonia and Italy, winning 60 battle
honours including 7 Victoria Crosses. The regiment lost 12,840 men who were
killed during the course of the war.

12th (Service) Battalion

21.09.1914 Formed in Winchester as part of the Second New Army (K2) then moved
to Cowshot, Bisley to join the 60th Brigade of the 20th Division.

Nov 1914 Moved to Blackdown and then to Larkhill, Salisbury Plain.

22.07.1915 Mobilised for war and landed at Boulogne and ended in various actions on
the Western Front including;

During 1916

The Battle of Mount Sorrel, The Battle of Delville Wood, The Battle of Guillemont,
The Battle of Flers-Courcelette, The Battle of Morval, The Battle of Le Transloy.

During 1917

The German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, The Battle of Langemarck, The Battle of
the Menin Road Ridge, The Battle of Polygon Wood, The Cambrai Operations.

During 1918

The Battle of St Quentin, The actions at the Somme crossings, The Battle of Rosieres,
The Battle of the Selle,

The Battle of Valenciennes,

The Battle of the Sambre.

11.11.1918 Ended the war in France, Caudry



British medal and Victory medal

The POZIERES MEMORIAL

relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Allied Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and the months that followed before the Advance to Victory, which began on 8 August 1918.

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 21 March to 7 August 1918. The Corps and Regiments most largely represented are The Rifle Brigade with over 600 names, The Durham Light Infantry with approximately 600 names, the Machine Gun Corps with over 500, The Manchester Regiment with approximately 500 and The Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery with over 400 names.█



POZIERES MEMORIAL.
STONE No. 63.B.

Havard F.B.	McGrath H.A.	Rowlands V.
Head F.W.	McIvor J.	Russell S.W.
Hearn J.	Mollamara V.	Samuels S.
Heed T.	Maggs W.H.	Sanders H.E.
Heuchan W.	Magnall P.	Saunders H.E.
Hill A.	Mann W.O.	Scholes J.J.
Hill A.E.	Mansfield H.J.	Schratsky P.
Hill T.	Mansfield J.	Scobell A.
Hills R.C.	Marden W.H.	Self E.F.
Hines W.S.	Marsden H.	Shackel T.
Hollyfield A.E.	Marsh F.E.	Sharp E.
Hopkins A.F.	Martin W.G.	Sherbird H.C.
Horton E.C.	Massey W.G.	Shoard E.
Horwill W.H.	May J.A.	Shrewsbury A.C.
Howe G. 204858	Maynard A.	Slinger W.