

Henry Blamires Wilcock 1896 – 1916

13.11.1916 Killed France

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Serre Road Cemetery No.2,
Beaumont-Hamel and Hebuterne
(L-Z)

Departement de la Somme,
Picardie

Age: 20

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Cemetery notes and/or description:

The village of Serre is 11 kilometres north-north-east of Albert. Using the D919 from Arras to Amiens you will drive through the villages of Bucquoy, Puisieux then Serre Les Puisieux (approximately 20 kilometres south of Arras). On leaving Serre Les Puisieux, 1.3 kilometres further along the D919, Serre Road No.2 Cemetery can be found on the left hand side.

In June 1916, the road out of Mailly-Maillet to Serre and Puisieux entered No Man's Land about 1,300 metres south-west of Serre. On 1 July 1916, the 31st and 4th Divisions attacked north and south of this road and although parties of the 31st Division reached Serre, the attack failed. The 3rd and 31st Divisions attacked once more on the 11 November, but again without success. Early in 1917, the Germans fell back to the Hindenburg Line and on 25 February, Serre was occupied by the 22nd Manchesters. The village changed hands once more in March 1918 and remained under German occupation until they withdrew in August. In the spring of 1917, the battlefields of the Somme and Ancre were cleared by V Corps and a number of new cemeteries were made, three of which are now named from the Serre Road. Serre Road Cemetery No 2 was begun in May 1917 with the burials in Plots I and II, but was greatly enlarged after the Armistice by consolidating many smaller battlefield cemeteries in the area.

There are now 7,127 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in the cemetery, mostly dating from 1916. Of these, 4,944 are unidentified. The cemetery, which was not completed until 1934, was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.



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Born	Parents & Siblings at Home	Locations	Marriage / Other	Jobs / Rank
1 st Q 1896 Southampton	Rev. William Henry & Mary Ellen nee Blamires	1901 Ivy Cottage, Cury, Cornwall	1891 father Congregational Minister	Lieutenant Essex Regiment 13 th Battalion
Siblings 1885 Clement A 1889 Mildred 1Q1896 Henry Blamires	1901 1 sister 1911 1 sister	1911 school border Newton College, 3 College Road, Newton Abbot 1911 family, The Rectory, Tolleshunt Knights	1901 & 1911 father CoE clergyman	