**HORACE GLEDHILL**

Born: 3rd November 1887 in **BURLEY IN WHARFEDALE** and baptised on 20th November at St Mary the Blessed Virgin Church, the son of Walter Gledhill and Rebecca

Siblings: Isabel, Hilda, Carrie, Horace, Lucy, Alice May and George Brumfitt Gledhill

The 1891 census tells us the family resided at **157 MAIN STREET**, **BURLEY** near **OTLEY**. His father, Walter is a Certificated Teacher of a school. The children are all described as scholars. Their aunt, Lucy Hirst was staying with them on the night of the census

In 1901 the family are living at **SCHOOL HOUSE, DACRE** where Walter’s father has taken up a post as Schoolmaster. Horace is 13

The 1911 census finds Horace in **KIRKBY OVERBLOW** working as farmer’s man for the family of Joseph Harper. Horace is single

On the 6 July 1911 he set sail from Liverpool aboard the Suevic, (White Star Liner) for **Sydney, Australia**

Private 3834 Horace Gledhill enlisted on 23 November 1915 with the Australian Infantry and was placed into the 51st (West Australian) Infantry Battalion. His service records confirm he was a pupil at Braithwaite Endowed School, Dacre Banks. His record also says he is a farmer and he had trained as a school teacher. His mother’s home address is **87 Harrogate Road, Chapel Allerton, Leeds**. His two younger brothers, Walter and George **Brumfitt Gledhill** also enlisted, as did his cousin **George Frederick Dale**, he also emmigrated to Perth, Australia. **Frederick Dale** died in battle on 19 September 1915. Their mothers’ were sisters. His brothers’ survived the war

Horace was killed at the Somme on 16 August 1916. He was aged 28. ‘*He was killed by a shell and was so mutilated that he could not be recognised along with seven others of the 13th Battalion*. *A further twenty thousand were dead and forty thousand wounded and missing on that day’*

He is commemorated at Serre Road Cemetery No.2 together with Memorials in Nidderdale, **HOOKSTONE MEMORIAL ROLL OF HONOURS, ST SAVIOUR’S CHURCH, THORNTHWAITE DACRE BRAITHWAITE ROLL OF HONOURS, AND A ROLL OF HONOURS AT NIDDERDALE MUSEUM, PATELEY BRIDGE** (a copy of the latter also hangs at Hookstone Memorial Hall



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