



MEN OF ODIHAM WHO FELL AT THE SOMME

PRIVATE WILLIAM BLAKE

SERVICE NO. 4980

1ST/5TH BN. GLOUCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT

DATE OF DEATH	15 August 1916 (aged 22)
BATTLE	Battle of Pozieres Ridge
REGIMENT	1 st /5 th (Territorial) Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment
DEATH	Killed in action
FAMILY DETAILS	Son of Henry, a farm labourer, and Alice Blake of Park Corner, Odiham. Attended London Road Board School ¹⁹ . Civilian occupation: Waggoner, Little Rye Farm, Odiham
MEMORIAL	Thiepval
MEDALS	British War Medal Victory Medal

5th Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment were a unit of the Territorial Force with their HQ at The Barracks, Gloucester. They mobilised for war service on the 5th of August 1914, landing at Boulogne on the 30th of March 1915. In 1916 they were in action in the Battle of the Somme, suffering heavy casualties on the 1st of July in assaulting the Quadrilateral (Heidenkopf). They were also in action at the Battle of Bazentin Ridge, capturing Ovillers, the Battle of Pozieres Ridge, the Battle of the Ancre Heights and the Battle of the Ancre

¹⁹ London Road Board School Admissions Register

