

of his recovery in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church, of which Robert was a member and pointed out the promise of usefulness he showed in his whole bearing.

The sermon ended Thus: 'I thank my friend (and I think he knows it) for standing between me and an awful fate and giving his life to do it. Thus over the bodies of heroes slain we march to freedom, civilisation, and the Kingdom of God.'

An impressive service concluded with the 'dead march in Saul, the whole congregation standing'.

Private S/12225 George Price Bevans

9th Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)
44th Brigade, 15th Division

Killed in action

Friday 8th September 1916, aged 32

The people of Foxt were to receive more bad news during the late summer of 1916 when another of their young men was killed on the blood-soaked battlefields of the

Somme. This time the fateful telegram was delivered to Thomas and Elizabeth Bevans of the Wharf, Froghall, with the dreadful news of the death of their son, George Price Bevans.



The Black Watch
(Royal Highlanders)

Private Bevans was serving with the 9th Battalion, The Black Watch, which was part of the 44th Brigade, 15th Division. They were situated near the village of Martinpuich in France and had been in action for some days with the usual amount of casualties for such engagements.

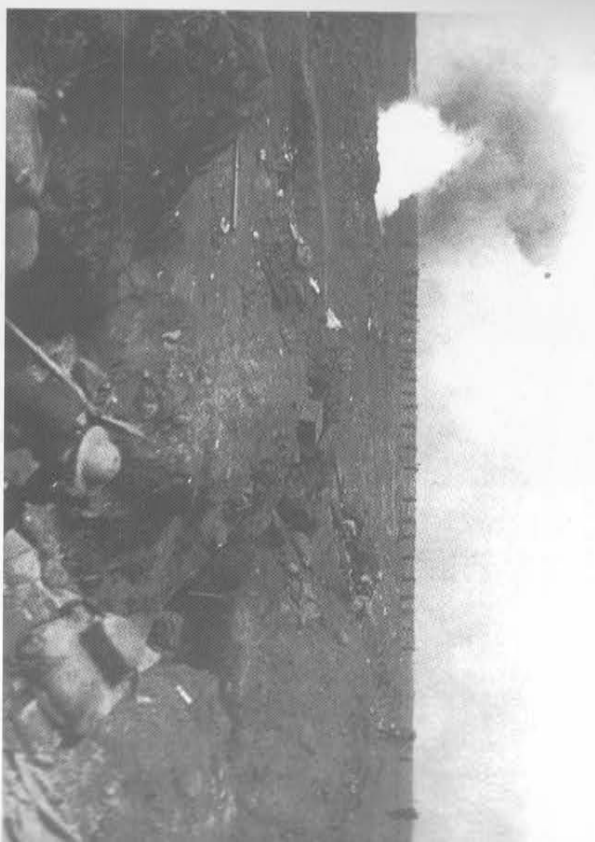
On Friday 8th September 1916, Private Bevans became another Somme casualty. Just how he died is not clear as no report can be found to explain his death, but it can be a reasonable guess to say he became a shell casualty, as so many of the casualties were. His body was never found or identified. Private Bevans, aged 32 when he died, is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 10 A. This impressive memorial is situated near to the town of Albert, France.



The Wharf at Froghall

(The home of the Bevans stands behind the large storage shed in the left centre of the photograph. It was demolished some years ago). (Authors collection)

(Below) British troops moving up to attack enemy positions on the Somme the day after George Bevans was killed



(Imperial War Museum)