

William Joseph Snelling

Private, 5th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (No. 10197)

Born about February 1890 in Blandford

Son of James George (a gasworks stoker, who died in 1917) and Mary Snelling of 13 Charles Street, Blandford

Worked as a groom

Enlisted August 1914; posted to the Balkans July 1915; posted to France July 1916

Killed in action near Grandcourt on the Somme on 26th September 1916, aged 26

With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme

(His elder brother, Robert, was killed in 1917)