

Second Lieutenant Raymond Bevir

10th Battalion Royal Fusiliers



Raymond Bevir was born in 1888 in Hendon Middlesex, son of Ernest Bevir and Ellen Blanchflower Bevir. He was educated at Shrewsbury and Hertford College Oxford and was a Barrister.



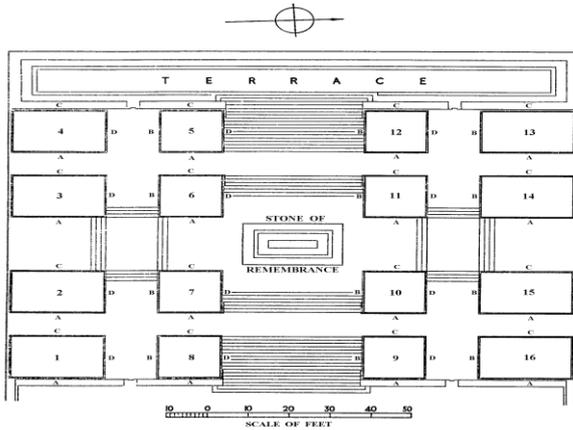
The **Hants & Berks Gazette** of Saturday 5th August 1916 reported the death of Raymond Bevir as follows:

Officers killed in action. Lieut Raymond Bevir and Lieut Harold Voelcker, two gallant young officers well known in Overton. The former was the second son of the late Mr E Bevir and Mrs Bevir, of Hendon and Hillside, Overton and latter of Dr and Mrs Voelcker of London who shared with Lieut Bevir the fishing box at Hillside. Both young officers were of great promise in their school careers. The deepest sympathy is felt by all in Overton for the bereaved parents and families.

This newspaper report demonstrates Raymond's link with Overton.

Raymond died on 15th July 1916, aged 27. The War Diary of the 10th Battalion Royal Fusiliers records them involved in an attempt to take the village of Poziers. There is a very detailed account of movements and action and at the end of the day what remained of the Battalion reached a Reserve position on Unsa Tara Hill north of Albert. Casualties for the day were listed as 'Killed – 3 officers and 39 other ranks; Wounded 8 officers and 176 other ranks; Missing 24 other ranks.' Unusually for the officers, these were not named, but Raymond Bevir, recorded as killed in action on his medal card must have been one of the three officers who died that day.

He is remembered on the Overton Churchyard Memorial and also named on Hendon War Memorial dedicated on 23rd April 1922. The memorial was erected by residents of the central and west wards of Hendon in memory of their Glorious Dead.



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2nd Lieut. Raymond Bervir is also commemorated on the Thiepval memorial in France as one of the men who died during the Battle of the Somme and has no known grave. His name can be seen on Pier 9A.



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2nd Lieut Raymond Bevir was awarded the Victory and British Medals and 15 Star, having served in France from 30th July 1915.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
BEVIR	R. Fus.	Lieut	
Raymond.	10th Roy. Fus	Lie	
		No rank Ser	offens
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks
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15 STAR +	"	55	
Theatre of War first served in	①		
Date of entry therein	30.7.15.		
21-2-22			NW/5/19270 K. 1380

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