Alfred Dewey, Bury Court Farm

Rank	Private
Regiment	6th Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment)
Service No.	557
Date of death	18th September 1915
Died	Killed in action
Buried	Tancrez Farm Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium I.A. 23
Age at death	18
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Farm labourer

Alfred Dewey was born in **1897** and baptised on 14th February **1897** in Bentley. He was the eldest of six children of George Dewey and Ellen (nee Cole). His father was an agricultural labourer who was born in Bentley into a large family of Deweys.

Alfred's family were living at Bury Court Farm in **1911** but had moved to Upper Froyle by **1915**.

Alfred turned 18 at the beginning of **1915** and disembarked for France with his battalion on 1st June **1915**.

Fighting in the trenches, he was one of two in his battalion killed on 18th September **1915**. He was buried at a small cemetery called Tancrez Farm in Hainaut, Belgium. Tancrez Farmhouse had been used as an aid post since **1914** when the cemetery was started and was carried on by field ambulances and fighting units until March **1918**. It contains 333 Commonwealth burials.

Alfred's younger brother Robert died three years later in **1918**, also killed in action, also aged 18. The two brothers were the two youngest of the Bentley men who gave their lives.

George Dewey
b 1875
b. Bentley
d 1937
Carter

= Ellen Cole
b 1874
Bentworth
m 1896
Servant at Tanners, Bentley in 1891 (a few doors down from George Deweys family)

- **Alfred Dewey** bap 14/2/1897 Bentley, Farm labourer, d 18/9/1915, Aged 18
- **Robert Dewey** bap 7/5/1899 Bentley, d 24/4/1918, Aged 18
- Emily Jane Dewey b 1901 Wyck, Binsted
- Edith May Dewey born 1904 Wyck, Binsted
- Elizabeth Dewey known as Lizzie bap 25/11/1906 Bentley
- William George Dewey bap 12/12/1909 Bentley
- Irene May Dewey b 1912 Bentley

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October 1915

*We hear with great regret that **Alfred Dewey** has been killed at the Front in France.*

Tancrez Farm Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium near an aid post.

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