

FREDERICK ARCHER DAVIS

Gunner (Signaller)

Royal Field Artillery

Service No: 240218

Died: 7 November 1918. Killed in Action

Frederick Archer Davis appears on the Beenham war memorial but his connection with the village is obscure. It is quite possible he was an outsider who had found work on one of the local farms prior to the war and was thus "adopted" by the village. According to the book published for the millennium, "Beenham: A History", Frederick was killed just before cessation of hostilities on 7 November 1918 and the war memorial itself shows him to have been a Gunner with the Royal Field Artillery. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission shows F. A. **Davies**, service number 240218, was a signaller attached to the 315th brigade Royal Field Artillery and is buried at Delsaux Farm Cemetery, Beugny, plot III. A. 7. This cemetery is near the village of Beugny, 19 kilometres south-west of Cambrai on the Bapaume-Cambrai road.

Other references show that a Frederick Archer **Davies** enlisted in Rugby into the Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery and is shown to have died of wounds. A search of the 1911 census for Rugby yielded a Frederick Davis, painter, born 1887 in Crewe but it is not clear if this is our man. Thus little is known of this Beenham man who gave his life in the service of his country.