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Remembering one of Gloucestershire's Fallen



Private Carey E Carter (2004)
Royal Gloucestershire Hussars

Carey E Carter was the son of Louis and Alice Carter of Woolstrop Farm, Quedgeley, Gloucester. Carey was born in 1895 at Brookthorpe, near Gloucester and at the age of 16 was engaged in farm work with his father.

Trooper Carter enlisted in the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars in 1915. The regiment sailed to Egypt on 15 August 1915 and was almost immediately despatched to Gallipoli converting to infantry before arriving on 20 August. Trooper Carter was re-designated Private Carter.

On 21 August 1915 the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars were encamped on Lala Baba Hill, moving in the afternoon to Chocolate Hill. There was no cover and the Hussars came under very heavy shell fire before reaching the hill. One officer and eight other ranks including Private Carter, aged 20 years, were killed and many wounded.

General Sir Ian Hamilton, in his despatch on operations of this day said: *The advance of these English yeomen was a sight calculated to send a thrill of pride through anyone with a drop of English blood in their veins. Such superb martial spectacles are rare in modern war. Here for a mile and a half, there was nothing to conceal a mouse, much less some of the most stalwart soldiers England has ever sent from her shores. I could hardly take my eyes from the yeomen; they moved like men marching on parade. Here and there a shell would take toll of a cluster; there they lay. There was no straggling; the others moved steadily on; not a man was there who hung back or hurried.*

Private Carter was buried 300 yards west of Chocolate Hill later to be moved to a concentration cemetery at Green Hill, Suvla where he now rests. The cemetery contains 2,971 burials of which 2,472 are unnamed.