



DAVIS STANLEY MACEY

Private 12645 5th Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment

Davis Stanley Macey was born in Ansty in 1896. His birth was registered in the June Quarter of that year in the Tisbury Registration District. He was the son of Dallas Alfred Macey of Bapton and Clara Eveline (nee Pretty) of Wylde. They were married in the December quarter in the Wilton Registration District.

In the 1901 census the family are found at Kings Lane Ansty and the family are recorded as:

Dallas A. Macey, Head, Age 36, Blacksmith, born in Bapton
Clara E. Macey, Wife, Age 32, born in Wylde
Kathleen M. Macey, Daughter, Age 10, Scholar, born in Radnorshire, Wales
George H. Macey, Son, Age 8, Scholar, born in Ansty
Davis S. Macey, Son, Age 5, born in Ansty
Clara B. Macey, Daughter, Age 3, born in Ansty



In the 1911 census the family are recorded as resident of Blind Lane, Ansty and the family are listed as:

Dallas A. Macey, Head, Age 46, Blacksmith, born in Bapton
Clara E. Macey, Wife, Age 41, born in Wylde
George H. Macey, Son, Age 17, Smith's labourer, born in Ansty
Stanley D. Macey, Son, Age 14, Farm Labourer, born in Ansty
Bessie C. Macey, Daughter, Age 12, Scholar, born in Ansty
Louis A. P. Macey, Son, Age 9, born in Ansty
Fred A. Macey, Son, Age 7, born in Ansty
Wallace C. Macey, Son, Age 5, born in Ansty
James P. Macey, Son, Age 2, born in Ansty
Irene May Macey, Granddaughter, Infant, born in Salisbury

Stanley Macey as he was known when he enlisted at Devizes was a resident of Tisbury.

Stanley was killed in action at Gallipoli on the 10th August 1915 aged 18. At the time of his death his mother is resident at 90 Ansty, his father is recorded as deceased and records show that he died in 1916.

The 5th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment sailed for Gallipoli on 1st July 1915, landed at Cape Helles on 17th and then moved to Anzac Cove. They suffered heavy casualties in the Turkish attack on 10 August.

Extract from the Battalion War Diary, 10th August 1915, 5th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, Gallipoli, Anzac "1 am. Battalion moves away in single file less D Company and part of B Company. Arrived two hours before sunrise and the men were told to dig into dugouts and make themselves comfortable as the position was quite safe. Men therefore removed equipment and rifles. As soon as it was light, machine guns opened on the men lying in their dugouts. About ¼ of an hour later there was a rush of Turks from both sides of the depression which drove the men, unarmed and unequipped down the gully (Salzli Beit). Bottom of the gully commanded by machine guns and so escape was cut off.

Three courses possible: To rush past the machine guns down the Sazli Beit, this was tried but in nearly all cases proved fatal. To climb the northern slope of the ravine under fire and try to escape over the top. This was done in a few cases with success. To hide in gully till night, this also was done with more success. (A party of 5 men rescued from the gully having been there 16 days). They reported numbers of men wounded, unable to get away and died of exhaustion and starvation. Parties arrived on the Beach in fours, fives, and some carried bodies during the 11th, 12th and 13th unarmed, unequipped and demoralised. Battalion mustered on the beach, roughly 420 men. After they marched off. Position was attacked at dawn on Tuesday (10th) morning and through the retirement of the regiments on right and left, D company are left 'in the air'. Major Hern and Lieutenant J. E. R Firmin killed; remainder hold on until surrounded and forced to retire into gully. Here reorganised and sent up to a counter attack - unsuccessfully and with large loss. Several wanton attacks attempted with handfuls of men."



Davis Stanley has no known grave and is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey on panels 156 to 158.

Campaign :- 1914-15.		(A) Where decoration was earned.	
		(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.
(A) MACEY	Wiltshire Regt	Pte	2645
(B) Stanley	--	--	--
Action taken			Died
THEATRE OF WAR.			(2 B) Balkans
QUALIFYING DATE.			12.7.15.
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He was awarded the following medals: The 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals

A War Gratuity of £4. 3s. was paid to Clara E. Macey (mother).



Stanley Davis Macey is also Commemorated on the Memorial Plaque in St. James' Church, Ansty