



Frederick Felix (Fred) Charles

1893 – 1916

Frederick was born at Waterloo Road, Lambeth, Surrey on 22nd September 1893 and baptised at St. John the Evangelist Church, Lambeth on 8th May 1895. His father was Felix Charles, a railway porter born in Mortlake, Surrey in 1855 and died in 1902. His mother was Elizabeth (née Trodd) born in Esher, Surrey in 1856. They were married in St. George's Church, Esher on 19th April 1880.

They had a daughter; Ellen, born in Lambeth in 1887.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 63, Waterloo Road, Lambeth.

In 1911 Frederick (recorded as Fred) was working as a coal trammer and boarding with the Westerby family at Clough Gate, Grange Moor. He was unmarried.

He enlisted in Dewsbury serving as Private 17972 in the 5th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 10th June 1915. He was killed in action on 24th August 1916 during the Battle of the Somme. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Frederick was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, bears the names of the officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20th March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916.

Frederick is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and as Fred Charles in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Private

Frederick Charles

17972, 5th Bn., Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry who died on 24 August 1916 Age 22

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. Charles.

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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