

**Charles Carlos 1895 – 1917** 

Charles was born in Dewsbury on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1895. His father was Patrick Carlos, an Upholsterer born in County Roscommon, Ireland around 1863 and died in 1933. His mother was Ellen (nee Wattam) born in Crosby, Lincolnshire in 1861 and died in 1941. They were married in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church, Westtown, Dewsbury in 1886.

Their other children were; William Colin, born in 1886 and died in 1887, James Stanley, born in 1887 and died in 1907, twins John Alva and Joseph Henry, born in 1889 and both died in 1889, Thomas Arthur, born in 1890 and died in 1914, Joseph Sidney, born in 1993 and died in 1928, Ellen, born in 1896, Frederick, born in 1902 and Henry, born in 1905.

On the Census Records for 1891, 1901 and 1911 family lived at 9, Springfield View, Ashworth Road, Dewsbury.

Charles was educated at St. Paulinus School and attended the Church. He worked as a Cloth Finisher for Messrs Mark Oldroyd and Sons, Calder Mills, Dewsbury.

He enlisted in September 1916 serving as Private 202783 in the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and after three months training at Clipstone Camp near Mansfield was sent to the Western Front in January 1917. He was wounded and gassed on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1917 when the enemy were inflicting a sustained bombardment of Mustard Gas on the Belgian coast around Nieuport. He died in the 16<sup>th</sup> Canadian General Hospital at Le Treport on the French coast on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1917. He was buried in Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport, Seine-Maritime, France. Charles was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

A nurse from the hospital where he was being treated wrote: "Nothing we could do did him any good. It is tragic to see them so good in spite of the discomfort they suffer".

Le Treport is a small seaport 25 kilometres north-east of Dieppe. The Cemetery is 1.5 kilometres south of the town. During the First World War, Le Treport was an important hospital centre and by July 1916, the town contained three general hospitals (the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian), No.3 Convalescent Depot and Lady Murray's B.R.C.S. Hospital. The 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian, 47<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> USA General Hospitals arrived later, but all of the hospitals had closed by March 1919. As the original military cemetery at Le Treport filled, it became necessary to use the new site at Mont Huon. There are now 2,128 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in the cemetery.

Charles is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the War Memorial in Our Lady and St Paulinus Church, Dewsbury.

In Memory of

Private

## C Carlos

202783, 1st/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 26 July 1917

Remembered with Honour

Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport





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