



Charles Lapisch

1888 - 1917

Charles was born in Asselby near Howden, East Riding of Yorkshire, on the 11th June 1888. His father was George Lapisch, an agricultural labourer who later became a carter on a farm who was born in Asselby in 1839 and died in 1903. His mother was Mary Ann (nee Thompson) born in Barmby-on-the-Moor, East Riding of Yorkshire in 1849 and died in 1929. They were married at Howden in 1877.

Their other children were; Lillian, born in 1878 and died in 1901, Harriet Ann, born in 1881, John Percival, born in 1882 and served in World War 1, Laura Ellen, born in 1884 and died in 1901, Gwendoline (I), born in 1887 and died in 1887 and Gwendoline (II), born in 1890.

On the 1891 census the family were living at 21, Northorpe, Mirfield, in 1901 at Craven Street, Ravensthorpe, in 1911 at Broomer Street, Ravensthorpe and later at 36, Clarkson Street, Ravensthorpe.

Charles was a single man who worked as an analytical chemist working for the Yorkshire Chemical and Dyeworks Company. The report of his death published in the Dewsbury Reporter on 24th November 1917 stated that he was a popular actor and a member of St. Saviour's Bible Class and was also secretary to the Church Institute.

He enlisted on 29th February 1916 serving as Private 27763 in the 10th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He trained at Hedon, Hornsea and Withernsea before being sent to the Western Front in the December of that same year. He suffered shrapnel wounds to the face and neck in May 1917 but recovered. He was killed in action during the Battle of Passchendaele, going out of the trenches as part of the attack on Polygon Wood on the 23rd October 1917. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Charles was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16th August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

Charles is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church and in De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour, 1914-1919.

In Memory of

Private

Charles Lapish

27763, 10th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 23 October 1917 Age 29

Son of the late George and Mary Ann Lapish, of 36, Clarkson St., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Tyne Cot Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

