



Charles Buckley

1898-1918

Charles was born in Stockport, Cheshire in 1898. His father was John Buckley who was born in Ireland, it has not been possible to establish any birth or death dates. His mother was Louisa (nee Riley) born in Ireland around 1860 and died in 1901. They were married in Dublin in 1879.

Their other children were; Frank, born in Ireland in 1880, Louisa, born in Ireland in 1882, Eliza, born in Stockport in 1885, Mary, born in Stockport in 1887, John William, born in Stockport in 1889 and Florence, born in Stockport in 1894.

On the 1901 Census he is living at 51, Brook Street West, Stockport with three of his sisters; in 1911 he was a boarder in a Poor Law School in Rochdale. He later moved to live with his married sister Eliza (now Mrs Fred Thorpe) at 57, Clarkson Street, Ravensthorpe.

Charles was a single man and worked as a miner for the Mirfield Colliery Company.

He was called up on the 27th February 1918 and reported to Pontefract Barracks, where he was sent to the Royal Artillery No 1 Depot at Newcastle-upon-Tyne as Gunner 261933; he had been there only a few days when, on the 6th March he was thrown from a mule and then kicked by the animal. He was examined by Captain James McRae of the Royal Army Medical Corps who declared the injury seemed none too serious and he was sent to bed. Next day he was worse and at 12.45 pm he was admitted to the Northern General Hospital in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where he was diagnosed with an inoperable ruptured intestine and died later that day, 7th March 1918. At his inquest the Coroner was critical of the fact that he was not examined by a Doctor for over eight hours after his accident. He was buried in Mirfield (St. Mary) Churchyard. Charles did not qualify for any medal awards as he did not serve overseas.

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

In Memory of

Gunner

Charles Buckley

261933, No. 1 Depot, Royal Field Artillery who died on 07 March 1918 Age 19

Son of John and Louisa Buckley.

Remembered with Honour

Mirfield (St. Mary) Churchyard



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