



Charles Edward Parratt

1889-1918

Charles was born in Worsbrough Bridge near Barnsley on 2nd February 1889. His father was Albert Parratt, a Stoker working above ground at a colliery born in Worsbrough Bridge in 1868 and died in 1953. His mother was Catherine Emma (nee Gant) born in Llanover Upper near Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales in 1868 and died in 1913. They were married in 1888 at St. Mary's Parish Church, Worsbrough.

Their other children were; Ethel Priscilla, born in 1891, Thomas, born in 1894, Lily, born in 1897, Elizabeth, born in 1900, Ann, born in 1902 and died in 1903, Frank, born in 1905, Mary Jane, born in 1907 and died in 1907 and Irene, born in 1908.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 7, Lime Street, Worsbrough Bridge, in 1901 at 25, Highstone Road, Worsbrough Common and in 1911 at 10, John Street, Worsbrough Bridge.

In 1911 Charles was living as a boarder at 44, King Street, Barnsley lodging with Herbert and Hannah Dodson; both he and Herbert were working in a glass bottle works. He came to work around 1912 at Kilner Brothers Glass Bottle Works in Thornhill Lees where he also found lodgings. He was already a serving soldier home on leave when he was married to Mary Ann Davis (born in 1888 and died in 1939) on 10th June 1916 at St. Joseph's Church, Batley Carr; they lived at 49, Armitage Buildings, Lidgate, Batley Carr, Mary Ann later lived at 81, Rothery's Yard, Batley Carr. They did not have any children.

He enlisted in Dewsbury on 5th November 1914 serving as Private 201088 in the 1st/4th Battalion, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 9th July 1915. He was gassed in 1916 and 1917; the latter occasion necessitated him returning home for treatment. He was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 14th April 1918 but his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Charles was awarded the 1914-15 Star, 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.

In Memory of

Private

Charles Edward Parratt

201088, 1st/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 14 April 1918 Age 30

Son of Albert Parratt, of 10, John St., Barnsley; husband of Mary A. Parratt, of 81, Rothery's Yard, Batley Carr, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Tyne Cot Memorial



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