



## **Charles William Adcock**

### **1899-1918**

Charles was born in Saham Toney, Norfolk on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1899. His father was also Charles Adcock, a Farm Labourer and later a Teamer born in Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk in 1877 and died in 1964; he served in World War 1 from September 1914 to 1918. His mother was Sarah Ann (nee Hardy) born in Saham Toney in 1874 and died in 1939. They were married on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1895 at St. George's Church, Saham Toney. The birthplaces of their children indicate that they lived in a number of places in England.

Their other children were: Ada Maud, born in Saham Toney in 1896, Horace James, born in Armley, Leeds in 1898 and died in 1898, Edward Coronation, born in Armley in 1902, Florence Lillian, born in Riddings, Derbyshire in 1904, Eveline Mary, born in Riddings in 1908 and John Percy, born in Dewsbury in 1911.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at West Lutton near Malton, in 1911 at Norwood Farm, Langwith, Nottinghamshire and later at 32, Back Cliffe Street, Dewsbury.

Charles was a single man who was educated at Eastborough Council School and was a member of the Ebenezer Boys Brigade and the Out-and-Out Mission. He worked as a Coal Miner/Hurrier at the Shaw Cross pit of Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton Limited.

He enlisted as Charles Adcock on May 11<sup>th</sup> 1917 into the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Training Reserve of the West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) but was not sent to the Western Front until June 1918 serving as Private 60111 in the 15<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He was wounded and gassed in France in August 1918 and died in a Hospital near Boulogne on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1918 and was buried in Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas-de-Calais, France. Charles was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The first rest camps for Commonwealth forces were established near Terlincthun in August 1914 and during the whole of the First World War, Boulogne and Wimereux housed numerous hospitals and other medical establishments. The cemetery at Terlincthun was begun in June 1918 when the space available for service burials in the civil cemeteries of Boulogne and Wimereux was exhausted. It was used chiefly for burials from the base hospitals. The cemetery now contains 4,378 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

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 to former employees of Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton Ltd in the porch of St. Pauls Church, Hanging Heaton and as *Charles Adcock* on the War Memorial to former pupils of Eastborough School.

In Memory of

Private

**C Adcock**

60111, 15th/17th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 13 August 1918

Remembered with Honour

**Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille**



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