



Charles George Hall

1894-1918

Charles was born in Bethnal Green, London in 1894. His father was Benjamin Thomas Hall, a French Polisher born in Hackney, London in 1853 and died in Leeds in 1912. His mother was Amelia (nee Tomkies) born in Shoreditch, London in 1855 and died in Leeds in 1912. They were married on 15th June 1874 at St. Jude's Church, Bethnal Green.

Their other children were; Amelia Ellen, born in Bethnal Green in 1875, Mary Ann, born in Bethnal Green in 1876 and died in 1877, Benjamin, born in Bethnal Green in 1878 and died in 1879, George, born in Bethnal Green in 1880 and died in 1885, Benjamin Henry, born in Bethnal Green in 1882 and died in 1884, Jane Catherine, born in Shoreditch in 1885, Catherine Matilda, born in Dewsbury in 1887, James, born in Dewsbury in 1889, Charlotte Maria, born in Dewsbury in 1891 and Harold Henry, born in Peckham, London in 1896.

On the 1891 Census the family were living at 26, Granville Street, Dewsbury, in 1901 at Queen's Buildings, Southwark, London and in 1911 at 219, Elland Road, Beeston, Leeds.

Charles was a single man and had his own hairdressing business at Slaithwaite Road, Thornhill Lees and later on Bradford Road, Batley. He was involved with Thornhill Lees Church Institute.

He enlisted in January 1917 serving as Private M/284538 in the 282nd Mechanical Transport Company Army Service Corps attached to the Heavy Artillery and was sent to the Western Front in March of that same year. He was badly wounded in France by a long range shell and died in a Casualty Clearing Station on 21st March 1918, the First Day of the German Spring Offensive (*Der Kaiserschlacht*). He is buried in Noeux-les-Mines Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France. Charles was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

A letter from a Chaplain to the Forces, the Rev. R.H. Douglas sent to his sister Jane (now Mrs. Arthur Spurr) at her home at 17, Orchard Street, Savile Town, told that he was waiting at a railway station to go home on leave when the shell struck and there were many casualties.

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 from the now demolished St, Mary's Church, Savile Town now displayed in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of
Private
C G Hall

M/284538, 282nd Mechanical Transport Coy., Army Service Corps who died on 21 March 1918

Remembered with Honour
Noeux-Les-Mines Communal Cemetery Extension



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



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