



Charley (Charlie) Dacre

1885-1918

Charley was born in Thornhill on 13th February 1885; his surname was registered as *Daker*; there are many instances of birth, death and census records using this spelling. His father was Robinson Dacre (birth name spelt *Daker*), a Teazle Setter born in Thornhill in 1856 and died in 1926. His mother was Mary Ellen (nee Oldroyd) born in Thornhill in 1856 and died in 1909. They were married on 8th June 1878 at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

Their other children were; Florence, born in 1878, William, born in 1880, Robinson, born in 1882 and died in 1883 (both entries spell surname as *Daker*), Sarah Jane, born in 1887 (birth name spelt *Daker*), Knight, born in 1890 (birth name spelt *Daker*), Ellen, born in 1894 and died in 1895, Tom, born in 1892 and died in 1893, Hannah, born in 1896 and Martha, born in 1898 and died in 1898.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Cross Street, Dewsbury and in 1901 and 1911 at 10, Cross Woodbine Street, Dewsbury.

Charley was educated at Victoria Jubilee Council School and worked as a Blanket Raiser for Messrs Oxley and Sharpe in Savile Town. He was married to Louisa Holmes (born in 1885 and died in 1939) at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 30th March 1907; His name is recorded as *Charlie Dacre*. In 1911 they lived at 20, Eightlands Road, Dewsbury and later at 8, Cross Woodbine Street, Dewsbury. They had four children; Gladys Mary, born in 1909, Nellie, born in 1912, Willie, born in 1914 and died in 1917 and Elsie, born in 1916.

He enlisted in August 1916 serving as Private 202195 in the 2nd/5th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment which was formed as a Reserve Battalion in 1914 and was supplemented by the 3rd/5th (Reserve) Battalion the following summer. Both reserve battalions remained on home defence duties in the U.K. He was later transferred to the 494th Agricultural Company of the Labour Corps based at York; his last posting was at Scammonden Farm near Huddersfield. At the beginning of November 1918 he was taken ill with influenza and died in Huddersfield War Hospital, Royds Hall, Paddock, Huddersfield on 11th November 1918 from pneumonia and influenza (Spanish Flu) and was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery; his name is recorded as *Charles Dacre* on his death certificate. Charley did not qualify for any medal awards as he did not serve overseas.

Charley 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

Private

C Dacre

202195, 2nd/5th Bn., Bedfordshire Regiment who died on 14 November 1918 Age 32

Son of the late Robert Dacre, of 10, Cross Woodbine St. Flatts, Dewsbury; husband of Lousie Dacre, of 8, Cross Woodbine St., Flatts, Dewsbury.

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