



Household Battalion Household Cavalry Service No. 539 Formally 3873, 1st LG

## **Trooper CHARLES WARWICK**

Born in Hurstbourne Tarrant in 1882.

Killed in action on 12th October 1917.

Aged 35.

CHARLES WARWICK was born in 1882 in Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hampshire, eldest son of Richard Warwick, a groom, and his wife Mary Stroud, married 1881. Richard was living in Barton Stacey in 1911 in Cocum Cottages and working as a farm labourer. The family moved to Staunton, Nottinghamshire, for 5 years before returning to Longparish.

Charles was elder brother to Fanny, William, Edith Louisa, Thomas and Susan.

He originally enlisted as a Trooper in the 1st Life Guards but was then transferred into the Household Battalion.

This unusual unit was formed as an infrantry Battalion at Knightbridge Barracks in London on 1st September 1916. The troops were drawn from the reserve units of the Household Cavalry (the 1st and 2nd Life Guards and the Royal Horse Guards). Much retraining was necessary to convert cavalry troops into infantry, capable of conducting the increasingly mechanised war on the Western Front.

The Battalion went to war as part of 10th Brigade, 4th Division on 9th November 1916. After action at Arras in April 1917, it took part in the third Battle of Ypres (known as Passchendaele) in September and October where losses were severe.

It was in this action that Charles was killed and his name appears on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the missing, Panel 3.

## TYNE COT MEMORIAL



The Tyne Cot Memorial is one of the 4 memorials to the missing in Belgium Flanders which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. Broadly speaking, the Salient stretched from Langemarck in the north to the northern edge in Ploegsteert Wood in the south. It now bears the names of almost 35,000 officers and men whose graves are not known.

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