



Charles Coote

Private G/12287 Royal Sussex Regiment, 7th Battalion

Died 10th April 1917 aged 31

Charles' parents, William Coote and Eliza Hook were married in Kirdford, Sussex in February 1882. Charles was their third child and was baptised in Shipley Church on 6th June 1886. Their first child Frederick was born in Kirdford in 1883 and second and subsequent children were born in Shipley. Rose was born in 1885, **Charles** in 1886, Albert in 1888, Frank in 1895 and Sybil in 1897. The 1911 census shows that William and Eliza had been married for 30 years, and that they had 6 children, all of whom were living. Censuses show that William was an agricultural labourer, and as his sons grew up they too were employed in various forms of agricultural work.

In 1891 and 1901 the family was living at Perryland Cottage, Hooklands. By 1901 Charles, aged 14, had left school and was employed as a stockman on a farm. In 1911, then aged 24, Charles was single, living with his parents at 59 Worthing Road Shipley and working as a domestic gardener. His father now worked as a waggoner on a farm.

In July 1913 Charles, aged 26, married Emily Miriam Cherriman, who, as next of kin, received his war gratuity and medals. In the 1911 Census Emily was 21 years old and lived with her parents at Crookhorn. Her occupation was a dressmaker, working on her own account. At the time of Charles' death Emily was living at Bacons Farm, Dragons Green.

Charles enlisted at Worthing. On 9th April 1917 he took part in the First Battle of the Scarpe. This offensive, an Allied victory, broke through enemy front lines and attacked reserves of troops and materiel. The 7th Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment was one of the leading battalions which captured three systems of trenches. Charles was wounded, and died of his wounds the following day.

Charles was the first of William and Eliza's sons to give their lives during the Great War. Their younger son Frank followed eleven months later.

Charles is buried in Duisans British Cemetery at Etrun and commemorated on Shipley and West Grinstead Parish Church war memorials.

He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

In Memory Of
Private

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Service Number: G/12287

7th Bn., Royal Sussex Regiment who died on 10 April 1917

Husband of E. M. Coote, of Bacons Farm, Dragons Green, Shipley, Horsham, Sussex.

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