



Collingbourne Kingston
World War I Biographies

Charles Henry Palmer - 1889-1960



Private 14603, C. H. Palmer, 1st Bn. Wiltshire Regiment

Charles Henry Palmer was born in Collingbourne Kingston, on January 9th 1889. He was the son of Mary Jane (Nee Fisher) and Frederick Palmer. He was from an agricultural background and in 1901, aged 12, Charles was living with his parents and four brothers in Brunton, Collingbourne Kingston.

Charles, 21 was single in 1911, still living with his parents at Collingbourne Kingston. He joined the 1st Battalion the Wiltshire Regiment in late 1914 and arrived in France in January 1915, qualifying for the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. Charles Palmer would have seen significant action from the 1st Battle of Ypres to the final victory of 1918.

The Military Medal was confirmed in the London Gazette on 11th February 1919, which means that the award was given any time around July-September 1918, when the Battalion was engaged in almost constant trench assaults against the retreating German army.

After the war, Charles Palmer married Millicent Mary Emily Hall, in the December Quarter of 1918 in the Windsor Registration District, they had two children, and lived in Berkshire. His wife died in 1947 in Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Charles Henry Palmer died in Manchester in January, 1960.

Source: Medal Catalogue, Census and London Gazette, 11 February 1919.