



Charles Alfred Grant

Private 5010, Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Charles Alfred Grant was born in Trowbridge in the September Quarter of 1884 his birth being registered in the Melksham Registration District. He was the son of Alfred and Emily Georgina Grant of Mortimer Street, Trowbridge. He was baptised in Holy Trinity Church, Trowbridge on the 30th November 1884. His father was listed as being a dealer.

According to the 1891 census the family were still living in Mortimer Street, Trowbridge. Charles is recorded age 6 with his mother Emily G. aged 36, a mender in the cloth mills and sister Violet E. Grant aged 8. His father Alfred is not recorded although was recorded in the 1181 census along with his wife and son William N., who died in 1883 aged 2 years old.

In 1901 the family have moved to Yarnbrook in North Bradley. Father Alfred, aged 47, is recorded as being a builders labourer, born in Steeple Ashton. His mother, Emily G., aged 44 was born in Trowbridge and no longer employed. Charles is recorded as aged 16 and working as an agricultural labourer. Sister Violet is not recorded with the family.

The 1911 census shows that Emily Georgina Grant (mother of Charles) had died. Her death was registered in the Westbury registration district in the June Quarter of 1905. The census records father Alfred as a widower, aged 57 and working as a farm labourer. Sister Violet is now back in the family home and is aged 28, she is not employed. Charles is now aged 26 and working as a mason's labourer it is believed he was employed by Linzey & Son of Trowbridge.

It would appear that Charles was called up and enlisted into the army at Devizes. He was drafted into the Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 21st March 1916. Later that same year whilst serving in France he became ill and was admitted to No. 9 General Hospital at Rouen.

Charles died from dysentery on 22nd December 1916.

He is buried in the St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France – Grave Reference O. III. H. 3. He is also commemorated on the North Bradley War Memorial and is named in the North Bradley Section of the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book held in Salisbury Cathedral.