

## *Cecil Harry Carter*

Lance-Corporal, 23rd Middlesex Regiment. Enlisted at Devizes, May, 1917, aged 18. Passed through school of instruction. Served at Chatham; drafted from Chatham to France, and was in battles on the Belgian frontier. Killed while in charge of Lewis gun section, September, 1918. Buried at Commines, France. General Service and Victory Medals.



CECIL CARTER WAS born in Corsham in 1899; his father, Harry Carter, was a stonemason shop foreman and he and his wife Christina (née Davis) lived on Paul Street. By 1911 the family had moved to South Street, and Harry was now described as a masonry sub-contractor.

Cecil enlisted for the Army at the age of 18 and was allocated to the Middlesex Regiment. *War Records of Corsham* details that he spent time in the United Kingdom under instruction and served at Chatham as part of the local garrison before being sent to France.

Cecil was a Lance Corporal in charge of a Lewis gun section when he was killed in action on 30th September 1918. He is remembered at the Tyne Cot Memorial.