

## *Charles Lodge*



Private, 6th Battalion Wilts Regiment. Enlisted at Devizes, December, 1916. Served in France. Killed in action, September, 1917. General Service and Victory Medals.



CHARLIE WAS BORN IN Corsham in 1898. His father William was a stone quarryman born in Chippenham and his mother Sarah Jane (née Pearce) was from Corsham. In 1901 the family were living in Gastard, and Charlie had two elder brothers, William and Alfred, and two younger ones, Thomas and Cecil. By 1911 William and Sarah had eleven children of whom nine survived – eight sons including Albert, Ernest and Victor and one daughter, Irene. Their father William was described in the census as a Bath Stone quarryman ‘chopper’. Charlie’s brothers Alfred and William were farm labourers.

## CORSHAM COMMEMORATES

Charlie enlisted for the Army in December 1916, aged 18, and was appointed to the Wiltshire Regiment. He was killed in action on 20th September 1917. He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot War Memorial in Belgium.

Charlie's elder brother Alfred was also killed in action during the war – he died in Iraq in March 1916.

William and Sarah Jane are recorded as living at 5 Brocklease Place, Corshamside, on Charlie's service record.