

## *Charles Coleman*

Private, 1/7th Royal Warwickshire Regiment. First-class signaller. Attested at Romford, November 18th, 1915. Called up at Chippenham, March 28th, 1916. Served on the Somme. Died of bronchial pneumonia contracted while serving in France. Buried at Bray Military Hospital, February 16th, 1917.



CHARLES COLEMAN was born in 1898 in Compton Chamberlayne near Salisbury; his parents were William and Lydia. William worked as a domestic gardener. In 1901 the family, which included Charles's sister Florence and his brother William, were living in Box; by 1911 they had moved to Corsham and were living at Travellers Rest, Pickwick. By this time Charles had left school and had become a grocer's apprentice. His brother William was an apprentice baker.

*War Records of Corsham* records that Charles was a Private in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment serving in France, including the Somme. He fell ill with bronchial pneumonia and died at the Bray Military Hospital on 15th February 1917, when he was only 19 years old. He is buried in the Bray Military Cemetery.

Charles's brother William also served in the war and is named in *War Records of Corsham* as having survived it. He followed his trade into the Army and became a baker in the Army Service Corps.