

Cyril Richard Manners

Gunner, Royal Field Artillery. Enlisted at Leeds, October, 1916. Served in France and Belgium, at the Battle of Cambrai, etc. Killed in action. General Service and Victory Medals.



CYRIL MANNERS WAS born in Chippenham in 1891. His father Charles was originally from Calne and was a railway signalman when Cyril was born; his mother was Martha Chandler from Wootten Bassett. Cyril and his large family – there were twelve children altogether – were living in Railway Cottages in Chippenham. By 1901 Charles had changed occupation and was an innkeeper at The Three Crowns on the Causeway in Chippenham. Some time after that the family moved to Corsham, and in 1911 they were living on Paul Street – Charles was described as an unemployed publican and Cyril and most of his siblings had moved away from the family home.

War Records of Corsham and Cyril's service record show that he was in Yorkshire prior to enlisting for the Army in October 1916 and that he was a Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery. He served in both France and Belgium and was killed in action on 26th November 1917, aged 26. He is buried at the Tyne Cot Cemetery.

The citation with his burial information lists his parents Charles and Martha as living in Corshamside (Neston).