

Dick Butler

Private, 1st Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Served from September 25th, 1915, first in France, where he was wounded; then at Salonika; and again in France. Killed in action near Le Cateau, October 17th, 1918. Buried in the Highland British Cemetery, Le Cateau. 1914-15 Star, General Service and Victory Medals.



DICK BUTLER WAS born in Corsham in 1897; at that date his parents Nathan and Sarah (née Wootten) were living in White's Court on the High Street with three other children – Julia, Herbert and George. Nathan was originally from Box, and was a stone quarryman. By 1911 the family had grown with the addition of two more children, Ernest and Florence, and they were living in the Old Asylum in Corsham. In all, Nathan and Sarah had eight children – Ida and Bertha were the two eldest.

Dick was a Private in the Yorkshire Light Infantry and served extensively in both Greece and France before he was killed in action on 17th October 1918 near Le Cateau in France. He is buried in the British Cemetery at Le Cateau, near Cambrai.