

Edwin Charles Say

Sergeant, Royal Army Service Corps. Joined at Bristol, August, 1914. Served in England. Was thrown from a horse and injured, January 19th, 1915, and died at Shorncliffe Military Hospital January 28th, 1915.



EDWIN WAS BORN IN Corsham in 1889, the son of Edwin and Sarah Say. In 1891 they lived in Post Office Road, next to the Police Station, with his elder sisters Anne and Alice, and Edwin senior worked as an ostler. They also had boarders living with them who worked in the local quarry. By 1901 Edwin senior was a domestic coachman and there were more children: a daughter Mabel and sons Frederick, Ernest and Ellis. They were still taking in boarders, including Daniel Ingledew who was a butcher.

Edwin Charles moved away from Corsham and in 1911 married Helen Sparrow in Hankerton near Malmesbury. They had two children, Charles and Edward, before the outbreak of war. When Edwin enlisted in Tetbury on 11th August 1914 he was a groom and signed up to work in the Horse Division. He was sent to Aldershot where he joined the Army Service Corps. His wife shortly afterwards gave birth to another son – Arthur – on 15th September 1914.

Edwin was appointed Lance Corporal in October 1914, Corporal a month later, then Acting Sergeant in December. The following month his horse bolted and he fell, dying of a brain injury on 23rd January in Shorncliffe Military Hospital. He is buried at Horn Street Burial Ground, Hythe, Kent.