

Charles William Webb

Charles William Webb 17360 was born in Cholsey, Berkshire on 9th February 1893. His parents were Harry and Emily Webb.

In the 1901 census the family were living at Crowmarsh Battle, (near Benson). He had 3 brothers and 2 sisters. His father was a cowman on the farm. By the 1911 census his mother was a widow. Her husband Harry had died in 1909. The rest of the family were still living in Crowmarsh Battle. The boys were employed as farm workers, one of the sisters was a housemaid. Another child had been born 6 years before.

Charles joined the 6th Battalion, Ox and Bucks Light Infantry.

On the 1st of July 1916, when the Somme Offensive started, the 6th Battalion were in the Zillebeke trenches. They continued there and in the vicinity of Ypres for the next 3 weeks. Because of the lack of records it is not known exactly when Pte Webb was killed but it is known that 1 officer and 11 men were killed between 1st July and 24th July.

Charles Webb, known as Wag, was buried in Vlamertinge Military cemetery in Belgium (plot 3, row E, grave 13).

One of Charles brothers, Benjamin, continued to live in the area with his mother and lived in Old London Road.

Emily died on November 29th 1946 aged 82 years.

Benjamin died in 1943 aged 57 years.

Charles Benjamin Webb was awarded

The 1915 star

The British War Medal

The Victory War Medal