

# Charles Clack

*20433, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Died 13 November 1916, aged 30*

Charles was born 18 March 1887 the sixth of nine children of James Clack, a bricklayer, and Sarah Ann (nee Brown). The family lived at Popes Lane and then The White Lion, High Street, Warboys.

Charles attended Warboys Board School from 11 May 1896 and on leaving became a farm labourer and then a postman.

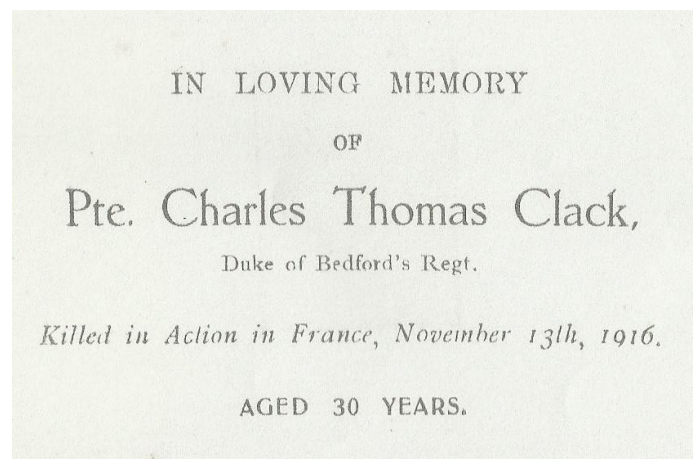


Charles joined the Bedfordshire Regiment 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion which was first sent to Felixstowe to provide home defence around Harwich. After the disaster on the Somme in July 1916 the battalion was sent to the Western Front. They landed in France 25<sup>th</sup> July and joined the 190<sup>th</sup> Brigade of the 63<sup>rd</sup> (Royal Naval) Division.

The Battle of the Ancre (13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November) in which the division took part was the last attack of that year's Battles of the Somme and it was there that Charles lost his life.

He was killed in action on the first day of the battle, 13<sup>th</sup> November 1916, age 30. He was at first reported as missing and was not confirmed killed until 9 months later in August 1917 which must have been a terrible time for his family. He was buried first in "Y" Ravine Cemetery with the men that fell with him; in 1919 he was reburied in Ancre Cemetery, The Somme.

Charles' mother Sarah Ann had died before he was posted in 1915. His father James died soon after in 1919 but not before he had this card printed to the memory of his son Charles.



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