

# Charles Wilderspin

*4292 Cambridgeshire Regiment*

*5274, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, (Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own).*

*Died 25 November 1916 aged 29*

Charles was born in Warboys on 18 May 1887, the son of Charles and Emma (nee Asher) Wilderspin, one of 8 children. The family lived on Holborn Farm, Church Road where his father was the farmer employing others. **Robin Saunders**, also on the War Memorial, lived on the next farm. Charles began Warboys Board School on the 21 May 1894.

On 9<sup>th</sup> December Charles married Agnes Huckle in Chelmsford. The couple lived in Ramsey Road, Warboys and had one son Hugh. Charles worked on a farm presumably his father's.

Charles originally enlisted into the Cambridgeshire Regiment sometime in October/November 1915. He later transferred into the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

The November 1916 War Diary for the battalion records them as being in trenches and most days men being killed in action or dying of wounds. Charles was one of these, dying from wounds on 25 November 1916 in Rouen where Commonwealth Camps and Hospitals were stationed throughout the war



He is buried in St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen with 69 soldiers of the same Regiment and 2 other men also on the War Memorial (**Frederick Webb and Sidney Moulds**). His grave carries the inscription:

**There is a link  
Death cannot sever  
Love and remembrance  
Live forever**

Charles is also remembered on the gravestone of his father who had died on 12 July 1913. It is in Warboys Baptist Chapel Yard and reads:

***“Also of Charles son of the above who died in France from wounds received in Action November 25 1916 aged 29 years.***

His mother died in 1924 aged 76.

In his will Charles left £117 10s. Probate was granted to his brother in law Louis Huckle. After her husband's death, Agnes and Hugh went to live with her father, a clergyman, at Writtle in Essex. After her father died the family moved to Chelmsford where Hugh died in 1929 aged 20 after a long illness. Agnes died in 1960.