Louis Charlesworth





Rank: - Gunner

Number- 165974

Regiment: - Royal Field Artillery "D" Battery 186th Brigade

Killed in Action: - 17/8/1917 near Ypres aged 26 years

Cemetery: - Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium VII.C.3

Batley News, 1 Sep 1917 (photo), 17 Aug 1918 (Roll of Honour)

Family Details

Louis was born in Sheepridge, Hudderfield on 21st December 1890, the son of George Henry and Emmeline Charlesworth (nee Lancaster married 1885).He was baptised on 5th August 1894 at Honley cum Brockholes on the same day as Lily. Fred (1886) was the eldest child followed by Norman (1888), Lilly (1889), Louis, Minnie (1896), Jack (1898-1900) and Harry in 1900.The family had moved from Huddersfield to Batley before the birth of Lilly. He attended Warwick Road School and later worked as a fettler at J.B & W. Hirst's, Lady Ann Mills, Soothill where his father was an overlooker. He lived with his parents at 2, Walker's Mount, Warwick Road, Batley.

Service Details.

Louis enlisted at Dewsbury and joined the Royal Field Artillery.

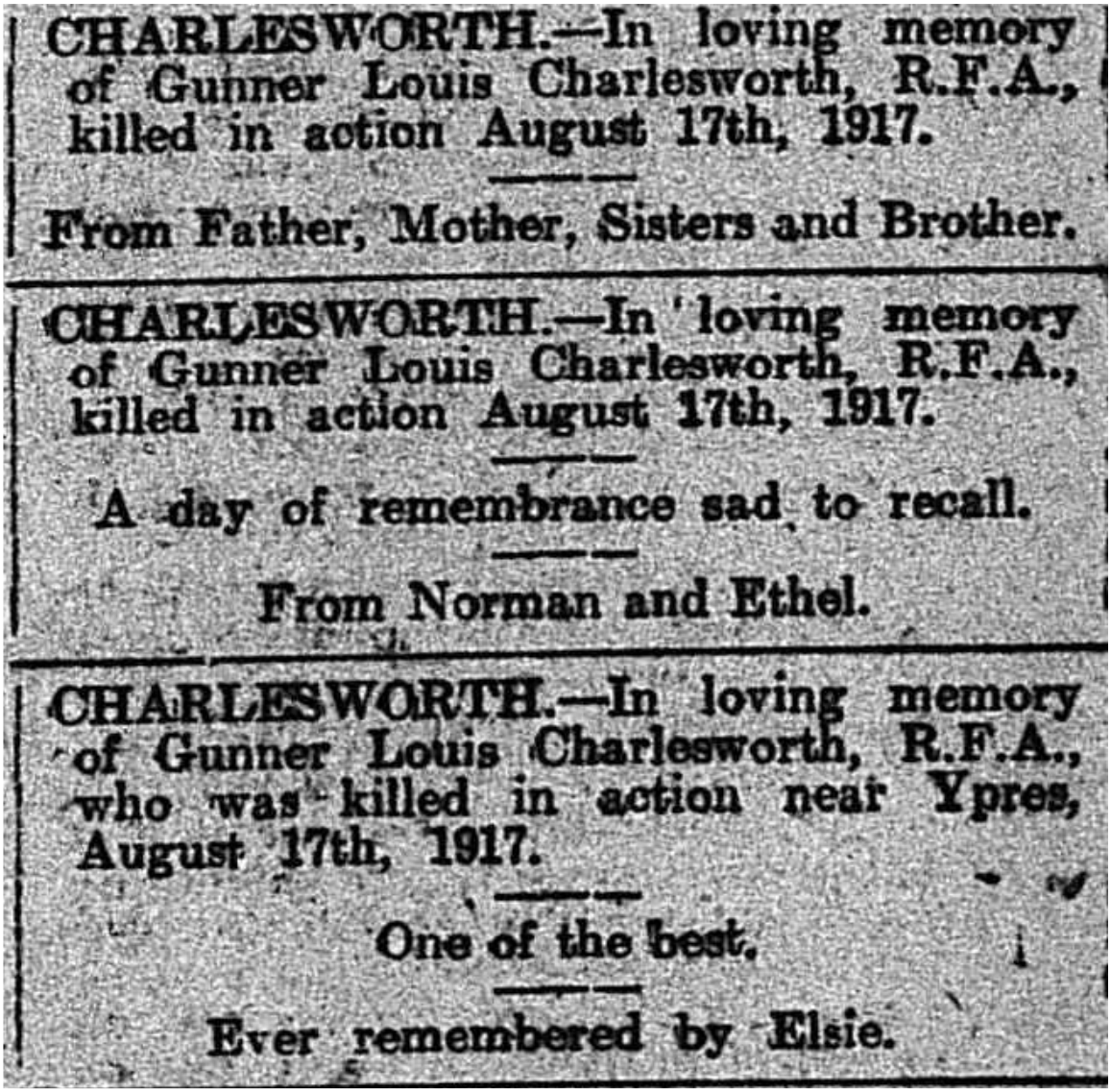
An officer wrote to his parents informing them of his death in action: -

"I am writing to you to express my great sympathy in your loss. Your son had only just joined my Battery but from what I saw of him and reports from his Section Commander makes me regret his loss as much as if he had served with me from the time I took over this Battery .I am sure it will be a great consolation for you to know that he died doing his duty . His sergeant and all the gun detachment were killed by the same shell. If I can be of any use to you in the matter please let me know and I will do what I can."

His brother, Fred, was killed in action on the 30th October 1917.

He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Louis is remembered with Honour at Warwick Road School, Holy Trinity Church Batley Carr and Batley War Memorial.



CHARLESWORTH.—In loving memory of Gunner Louis Charlesworth, R.F.A., killed in action August 17th, 1917.

From Father, Mother, Sisters and Brother.

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A day of remembrance sad to recall.

From Norman and Ethel.

CHARLESWORTH.—In loving memory of Gunner Louis Charlesworth, R.F.A., who was killed in action near Ypres, August 17th, 1917.

One of the best.

Ever remembered by Elsie.

The above appeared in the Batley News on 17th August 1918

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