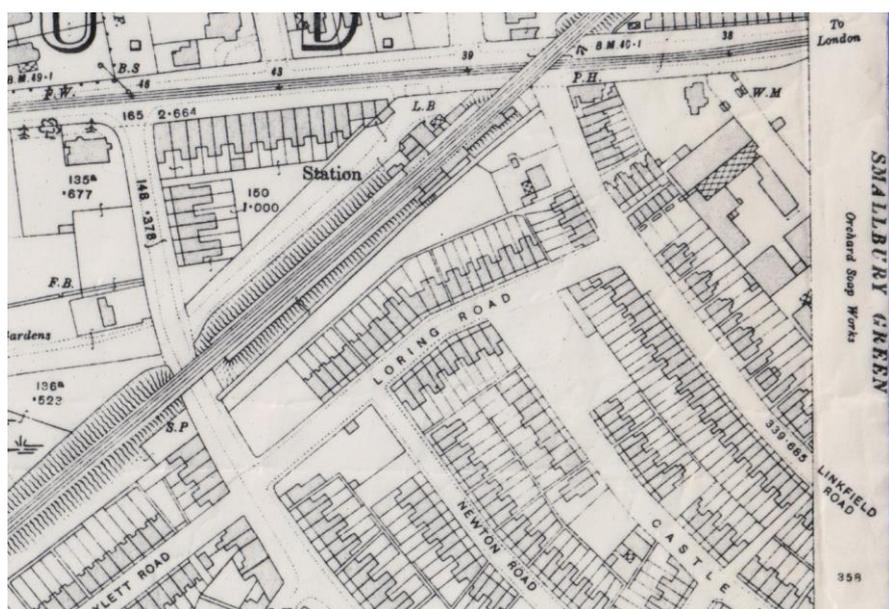


Charles Mundy (Munday on the Memorial)



Charles Mundy was born in the spring of 1883 to Arthur and Elizabeth (née Leach). Arthur came from Ewelme in Oxfordshire and Elizabeth from Hanwell in Middlesex. They had married in Brentford in December 1879. The family were living at Standish Cottage, Wyke Green, Isleworth with Elizabeth's widowed grandmother where Arthur worked as an agricultural labourer. According to the 1881 census, Elizabeth's grandmother, aged 81, was living on a parish allowance. She shared her cottage with a retired French cook from Picardie named Jules, her granddaughter, Arthur and their new baby William.

By 1891 Arthur had moved next door to Sewage Cottage, Wyke Green where he worked as a sanitary labourer. The family had grown to include Charles born 1883, Henry in 1884 and Ethel in 1888. Sadly she died aged 3 in 1892, along with their mother, Elizabeth, aged 39. Charles joined the 19th Hussars and was listed on the 1901 census in Canterbury as a private, aged 19. His father remained at Sewage Cottage with his new wife Ellen, born in Paddington and their son Albert, born 1895. Charles' brother Henry was also living with them, aged 16 and working as a gardener. Charles returned to Isleworth and by 1911 was lodging in 4 Loring Road, near the railway station, aged 26 and working as a cinematograph operator. **See below for a 1915 map of the area.** His father and stepmother continued living at Wyke Green, at the Cottage where his father worked as a farm labourer and his



half-brother Albert worked as a market gardener. Charles enlisted on 21st August, 1914 in Hounslow into the 19th Hussars as Private 6834 and was sent to France where he saw active service at le Cateau. The 19th Hussars returned to England on 14th April, 1915 and the regiment was reformed. Charles transferred to the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 2nd Battalion as Private 23303 and returned to France. This Battalion,

previously known as 105th Foot had been at Le Cateau at the same time as the 19th Hussars. Charles married Emily Maud Cook in July 1917 in Newbury. They were living at 3 Amity Street, Reading and had two sons, Eric George born in June 1916 and Reginald Louis born on 22nd October, 1917, after Charles' death. Charles took part in many battles and was awarded the 14 Star, Victory and British medals but was finally killed in action during the Flanders Offensive on 14th September, 1917 and was buried at Coxyde Military Cemetery, grave ref. 111.G.28. This holds 1507 Commonwealth burials from the 1st World War.

Reginald was listed in 1939 as working as a farm carter and living at Parlow Bottom in Marlborough with his wife, Vera and their son, Percy C born 1934. Reginald died in 2001.