

Charles Frederick Wells is named on his CWGC record as the son of Frederick M. and Caroline Winifred Wells, of 1, North Street, Isleworth. He was born in Fulham in 1894, but the family had moved by 1901 to 71 Lydford Terrace, Linkfield Road. By 1911 they were at 10 Church Street. His father was a greengrocer and newsagent. In 1911 at age 15 Charles was a newsboy. He probably also assisted in his father's shop.

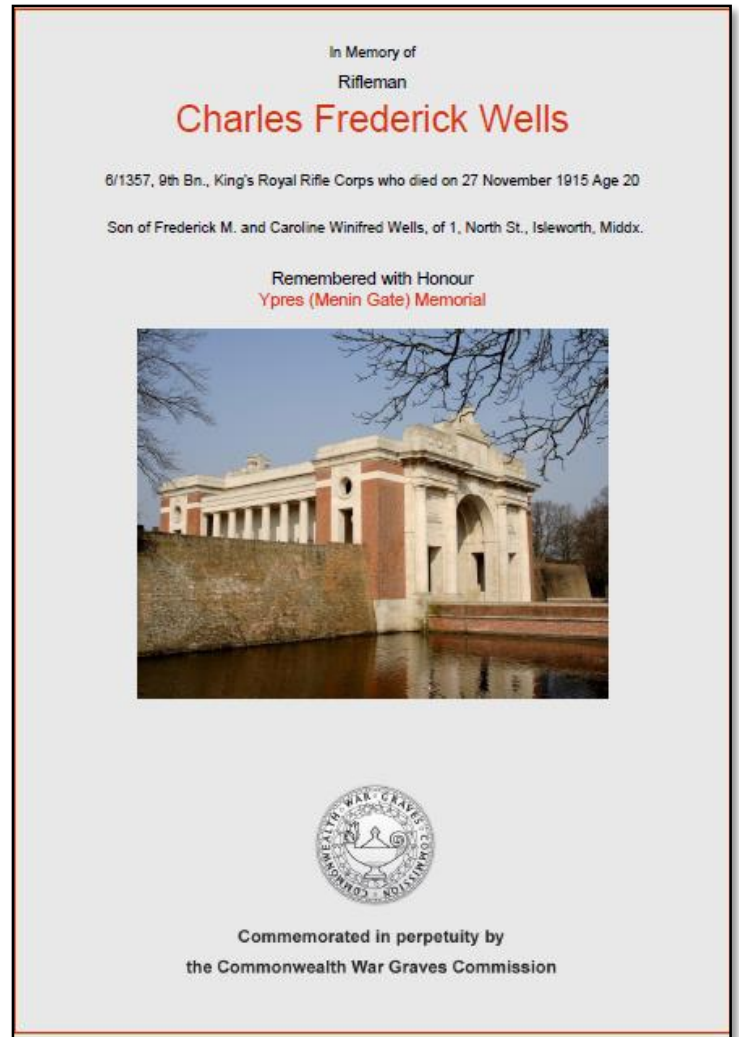


He enlisted at Kingston-upon-Thames as Rifleman 6/1357 in the King's Royal Rifle Corps. (Rifleman is the equivalent of Private.) After training at Aldershot and Petworth he embarked in May 1915 for France then Flanders. In July his unit took part in the Battle of Hooze, and in September the second attack on Bellewaarde.

He was killed in action on 27th Nov 1915 at the Kaaie Salient, near Ypres, not part of a big battle. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate at Ypres. His younger brother Eric was killed less than a year later. He is remembered at All Saints Church, Isleworth.

They had two younger brothers who were probably too young to serve in World War 1 – Sydney William Wells and Henry Herbert Pitfield Wells – and a sister Annie.

Right: The memorial certificate is included with the permission of the CWGC.



Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
WELLS Charles	K. R. R. C.	Pte	6/1357
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	M/101 B.	116.	
BRITISH	do.	do.	
165 STAR	M/138 900		Isleworth 390 A on A
Theatre of War first served in	(1) France		
Date of entry therein	21.5.15		

His medal card shows that he was awarded three medals, as he served abroad in 1915: The Victory Medal, British War Medal and 1914-1915 Star Medal