



Thame Remembers

Private
Charles Roy M Morris



Charles Roy Munckton Morris was born in Thame 9th October 1895 to Henry W G and Anna (née Munckton) Morris. His father was a pharmacist, and over the next few years the family moved to Charlbury, Chipping Norton, and finally Abingdon upon his retirement in 1913.

In early 1916, whilst he was working in the Godalming, Surrey branch of Capital & Counties Bank (now Lloyds) Charles enlisted into the 30th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regt.). This was a reserve battalion for the 23/24 Sportsman's Battalions – hence his service number SPTS/4826, but by 1917 he was serving with the 9th Battalion, part of the 36th Brigade, 12th Division.

Early July 1917 the Battalion was in trenches at Monchy, near Arras. Although this was a relatively quiet period after the Battles at Arras earlier in the year – much of the time being spent "cleaning up and improving trenches" – there was nevertheless a good deal of shelling, and it was probably during one of these attacks that Private C R M Morris was killed on 4th July 1917. He left £164-12s to his father in his will.

He is buried in Monchy British Cemetery, Monchy le Preux, Pas de Calais, France, but due to his parents having retired to Abingdon, there is currently no permanent memorial in Thame.



The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his grave on
19 April 2015
by
Patsy Baker
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