## **CHARLES MADDOCK**

## PRIVATE 6124, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY AND PRIVATE 435553, LABOUR CORPS 5 January 1881-

Charles was born on 5 January 1881, possibly in Toulton, near Cothelstone. Certainly at the time of the 1881 Census, in April, he was living there with his mother Sarah Ann at the home of his maternal grandparents, George and Mary Ann Rogers. By 1885 the Maddock family, including father James, were living in Buckland St Mary; James was the coachman to, probably, the Lance family.

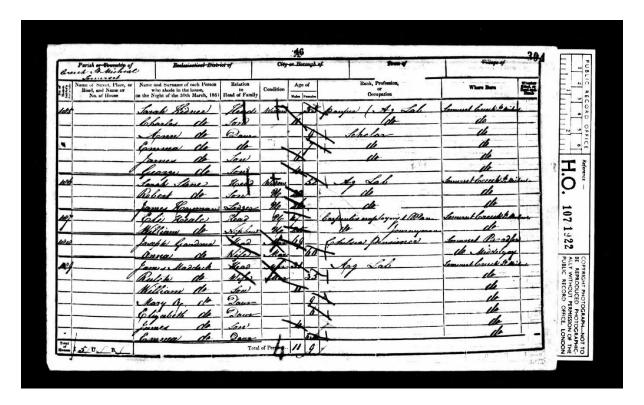
Charles was at BSM School from 31 August 1885 to 29 October 1890, but then disappears from the family household and can't be found again in any Census thereafter. On the School's Roll of Honour he's noted as having been wounded in the war.

If we have the right man (and this is not 100% certain) the 1<sup>st</sup> Btn SLI Casualty List\* tells us more. He embarked for France on 29 August 1914, an early date which suggests that he may have already been in the Army, or at least in the Reserves. Early in 1915 he began to be troubled, and hospitalized, by a series of ailments, possibly the consequence of the harsh, wet conditions in which the soldiers were living: first rheumatism, followed by synovitis. Then later in the year, piles, and by 1916, myalgia. For some of the time he was in hospital in France, and some of the time sent home to England. By the summer of 1917 he was permanently back in England and transferred to the Labour Corps.

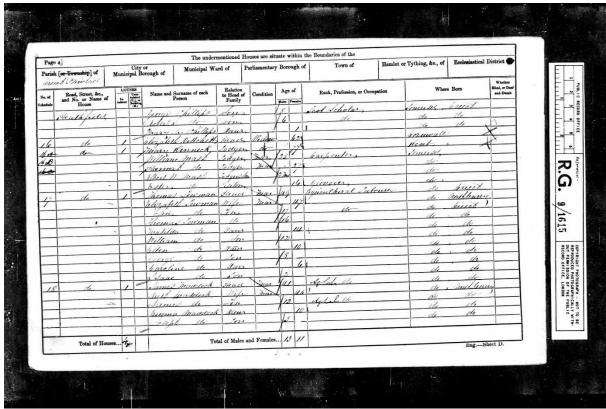
He was discharged from the Army into the Z Corps on 4 September 1919, with a pension. It's not clear how much this was for, nor how long it continued. Charles gives his address as c/o the Post Office, Warminster.

The problem with the Maddock family is that they were, in a sense, itinerant workers, without any strong local ties, despite the fact that James was born in Creech St Michael and Sarah Ann in Kingston St Mary. Their son William followed this pattern, working in various unrelated households until his marriage in 1919. We suspect this is why it's also proving so difficult to trace Charles both before and after the War – he's not to be found in any census from 1891 onwards, nor in the 1939 Register.

\*DD/SLI/9/4 1st Btn SLI Muster Roll & Casualty list 1914-19



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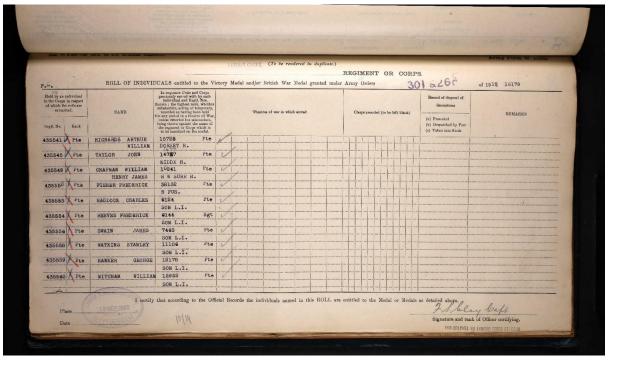
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