

Pte Charles Sidney Pickup

Service Number 84301

Date of Death 18/11/1916

19th Company Royal Army Medical Corps

Grave Reference CE A 397



Charles enlisted into the 19th Battalion R.A.M.C on the 13th September 1916 at Aldershot, thirteen days later he celebrated his 26th birthday. Charles's battalion was originally known as "The Whalley Pals". Charles was posted to Prees Heath on the 20th October 1916. But within a month of arriving was taken ill and admitted to the same camp hospital he had been working in on the 18th of November 1916. On the day he died Charles seemed well but after having his tea he left the dining area intending to go and have a bath. Sometime later he was found to have passed away whilst in the bath. A coroner's inquest was held and determined Charles had died from heart failure. Charles a married man, was the second son of Richard Henry Pickup of Brockholes, Stacksteads, and had worked at Sir Henry Trickett's slipper works in Waterfoot before he enlisted. Charles's family would have received his Victory and British war medals. Charles was also commemorated on the Roll of Honour at Tricketts Memorial Ground Waterfoot and Waterbarn Baptist Church.