

CHARLES WILLIAM SELLEY

**Private
260150**

**12th Battalion, South Wales Borderers
died on
Sunday 25th November 1917
aged 20**

CHARLES WILLIAM SELLEY
is commemorated on the
LOOS MEMORIAL
France

The Loos Memorial forms the sides and back of Dud Corner Cemetery where over 1,700 war casualties are buried, the great majority of whom fell in the Battle of Loos. On either side of the cemetery are walls 15 feet high, on which are carved the names of the 20,500 casualties commemorated. At the back are four small circular courts, open to the sky, in which the lines of tablets are continued and between the courts are three semi-circular apses two of which carry tablets and on the central apse is the Cross of Sacrifice.

Charles Selley is commemorated on Panels 129 and 130.



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Local Items

Private C W Selley 260150 South Wales Borderers son of Mr and Mrs T C Selley Oak Cottage, Colwall was killed in action on November 25th 1917 aged 20 years. He enlisted in 1915 at the age of 17 and went to the front last August. He was formerly of Mabel Furlong, Ledbury.



Private Charles William Selley



HE whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

*Pte. Charles Selley
S. Wales Borderers*

Charles William Selley (known to his family as Will) was one of three children of Thomas Charles and Jane Selley, and he was born in Ledbury in 1897. His father (known as Charles) was a Domestic Gardener in 1901, and the family lived in Parkway. By 1911 the family had moved to Mabels Furlong, Ledbury, and Thomas Charles Selley's occupation was Cowman on Farm. Will Selley enlisted in Hereford in April 1915, and on his attestation papers he stated that he was a Temporary Postman. In other places on the papers he is declared to be a Labourer. Will Selley joined the Welsh Regiment, and initially he was attached to the South Wales Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance. He was transferred to the 4th Reserve Battalion, Welsh Regiment and posted to 12th Battalion, South Wales Borderers before embarking for France from Southampton in August 1917. He was reported missing on 25th November 1917. His body was found by the Germans who buried him, and forwarded his identity discs to the German Red Cross, who then conveyed this information to the British Red Cross. It was only then that his parents, who were now living in Colwall and who knew him to be missing, were told he had been killed. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial to the Missing.

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