

<i>Name</i>	Charles TURLAND
<i>Birth Place</i>	Overstone
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Apprentice Wheelwright
<i>Date of Birth</i>	Second quarter of 1893; baptised 1 October 1893
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	September 1914



<i>Parents</i>	Charles TURLAND and Lavinia TURLAND (née MILLER)
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<i>Married</i>	Single
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
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TURLAND, C., Private, Northamptonshire Regt.

He volunteered in September 1914, and twelve months later proceeded to the Western Front, where he saw much severe fighting. He was unfortunately reported missing, and is now believed to have been killed in action at Loos on September 27th 1915, less than four weeks after landing in France. He was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.

"His life for his Country, his soul to God."

Camp Hill, Bugbrooke, Northants

<i>Additional Information</i>

Charles was one of seven surviving children of Charles TURLAND, a farm labourer, and his wife Lavinia, who were living in Camp Hill, Bugbrooke.

He was an early volunteer in Northampton, apparently responding to the 'call to arms' of noted local and national rugby player, Edgar Mobbs, who was responsible for raising the 7th (Service) Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment in September 1914. Mobbs was himself commissioned into the battalion and was later killed in action commanding it.

Charles, as a private soldier, number 15201, was posted to 'B' Company and went with the battalion to barracks on the south coast around Shoreham for a lengthy period of training.

The battalion was sent to France in due course, landing at Boulogne on 2 September 1915 as part of 73 Brigade within 24 Division. The battalion was heavily engaged at the battle of Loos and Charles was reported 'Missing in Action' between 25 and 27 September, as reported in the *Northampton Independent* of 30 October, where his portrait was published with his mother's request for any information. Sadly he was subsequently presumed to have been killed in action on 27/28 September, with official records stating one or other date and using phrases such as 'KIA' (Killed in Action), 'Died' and 'Death Presumed'. [The CWGC states 27 September]

Charles qualified for the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, and his family would also have received a named bronze memorial plaque and separate scroll (his effects were sent to his mother).

He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, panels 91 to 93.