



## **Frank Coote**

**Private G/17800 Royal Sussex Regiment, 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Division**

**Died 27<sup>th</sup> March 1918 aged 23**

Frank's' parents, William Coote and Eliza Hook were married in Kirdford, Sussex in February 1882. Frank, born in Shipley in 1895, was their fifth child. Their first child Frederick had been born in Kirdford in 1883 and by the time their second and subsequent children were born the family had moved to Shipley. Rose was born in 1885, Charles in 1886, Albert in 1888, **Frank** in 1895 and Sybil in 1897. The 1911 census shows that William and Eliza had been married for 30 years, and that they had 6 children, all of whom were living. Censuses show that William was an agricultural labourer, and as his sons grew up, they too were employed in various forms of agricultural work.

The 1901 Census shows that the family was living at Perryland Cottage, Hooklands. Frank was six years old. Frank's father and his three older brothers were all employed as carters on a farm; the youngest, Albert aged 13 was described as a "boy carter". By 1911 the family had moved to 59 Worthing Road, Shipley and Frank and his father were employed as waggoners on a farm.

Frank enlisted in Horsham and was involved in action during the offensive near Pozieres, where his division, although down to a fraction of its previous strength, made a stand against the enemy before withdrawing. Renewed enemy action the following day saw the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion suffer heavy losses, among them Frank, who was killed in action. Frank was single and his father received his effects, war gratuity and medals.

This was the second tragedy for the Coote family, as Frank's brother Charles had given his life eleven months earlier.

Frank has no known grave and is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial and Shipley Church and West Grinstead Parish Church war memorials.

Frank was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

In Memory Of  
Private

# FRANK COOTE

Service Number: G/17800

9th Bn., Royal Sussex Regiment who died on 27 March 1918 Age 23

Son of William and Eliza Coote, of 59, Worthing Rd., West Grinstead, Sussex.

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