

# Compton Chamberlayne

## Roll of Honour



*Lest we Forget*

### World War I



LIEUTENANT

**C. PENRUDDOCKE**

**7TH BN WILTSHIRE REGIMENT**

**4TH OCTOBER, 1918 AGE 25**

*Thy Will Be Done*

## Charles PENRUDDOCKE

Charles Penruddocke was born on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1893 in Bath, Somerset. He was the second born of six children to parents Charles Penruddocke & Annie Elizabeth Dickinson Carew Bamford Speke.

The 1901 Census records Charles Penruddocke as an 8 year old living with his parents – Charles Penruddocke, aged 42, living on own means & Annie Penruddocke, aged 33 at Compton Park, Compton Chamberlayne. Charles's 4 siblings were also recorded– Flora, aged 10, George W, aged 6, Letitia, aged 5 & Thomas, aged 3. Also recorded were in the household were a Governess, Butler, Cook, Upper housemaid, under housemaid & Kitchen maid.

*(Sybil Penruddocke – twin to George is not listed).*

Charles Penruddocke of the Army Service Corp, 1<sup>st</sup> South Western Mounted Brigade Transport and Supply Column, was appointed to Second Lieutenant on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1910. *(Source: The Times August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1910)*

Second Lieutenant Charles Penruddocke of the Army Service Corp, 1<sup>st</sup> South Western Mounted Brigade Transport and Supply Column resigned his commission form 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1914.

*(Source: The Times February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1914)*

As Britain had declared war on Germany, Charles Penruddocke rejoined the Army & was appointed to Temporary Second Lieutenant from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915. *(Source: The Times, March 24, 1915)*

Charles Penruddocke was appointed Temporary Lieutenant from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1916.

*(Source: The Times, February 16, 1917.)*

Charles Penruddocke's youngest brother -Second Lieutenant Thomas Penruddocke served with the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment. He was killed in action on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1917, aged 19 years & is remembered on the Doiran Memorial in Greece, as he has no known grave.

An engagement notice for Charles Penruddocke was placed in *The Times* newspaper on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1917 :-

**FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES**

### **MR C. PENRUDDOCKE AND MISS SHORE**

*The engagement is announced of Lieutenant Charles Penruddocke, Wiltshire Regiment, elder son of Mr Charles Penruddocke, J.P. for Somerset and Wilts, of Compton Park, near Salisbury, and Evelyn Lorna Russell, youngest daughter of C. R. Shore, of Barns Gates, Binfield, near Bracknell.*

2nd Lieutenant Charles Penruddocke was appointed to Lieutenant from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1918.

*(Source: London Gazette, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1918.)*

Lieutenant Charles Penruddocke served with "C" Company of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment.

He was killed in action on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1918, aged 25 years. Lieutenant Charles Penruddocke is buried in Plot I. J. 22 of the Templeux-Le-Guerard British Cemetery and is acknowledged with a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant Charles Penruddocke as the son of Charles and Annie E. Penruddocke, of Compton Park, Salisbury .

Lieutenant Charles Penruddocke was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, British War & Victory Medals. His Medal Index Card shows he had entered a Theatre of War firstly in Greece in September, 1915 & secondly in France in October, 1918 & was mentioned in Despatches.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Wiltshire Regiment War Diary**

Date – 4/8/1917

Location – Greece, SEL Sector

*Midnight. Weather fine. Strength. 23 Officers 908 OR. Detached 9 Officers 76 OR. 4 OR joined, 3 OR rejoined from detachment. **Lieut PENRUDDOCKE and 3 OR went on leave to England.** Observation. Movement on the NOSE and BAYOU HILL. Grass fire caused by our shelling S.W. of NOSE behind enemy line. Shelling. Nil.*

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

Date – 16/10/1917

Location – Greece, DOVA TEPE Sector

*6pm. Weather fine. Strength. 21 Officers 718 OR. Detached 10 Officers 97 OR. 6 OR to detachment, 5 OR rejoined, 1 OR to Hospital. 2nd Lt W. WESTON rejoined from Course of Instruction. **Lieut C. PENRUDDOCKE rejoined from leave.** Observation. Enemy is working daily on his defences N.W. of NIKOLIC. Blasting is seen every evening. 1755 enemy dropped one shell 200 [degrees] N.W. of BROKEN BRIDGE.*

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

Date – 18/12/1917

Location – Greece, DOVA TEPE Sector

*6pm. Weather fine. Strength: 26 Officers 766 OR. Detached 7 Officers 58 OR. Lt Col A A Soames } joined unit from Hospital (18/12/17) **Lt C Penruddocke** } " " " (17/12/17 2nd Lt J L Cowie struck off strength 15/12/17 (sick), 1 OR joined, 1 OR rejoined from detachment, **Lt C Penruddocke** and 8 OR to 79th Bde Isolation Camp (19/12/17). Observation. 1120 12 men seen (armed party probably patrol) W of GLOBOSTICA going West into GLOBOSTICA DERE. Enemy put 15 round 75mm behind B Fort at 1915hrs.*

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

Date – 5/1/1918

Location – Greece, DOVA TEPE Sector

*6pm. Weather fine. Hard frost. Strength: 24 Officers 784 OR. Detached 8 Officers 54 OR. **Lt C PENRUDDOCKE rejoined unit from Isolation Camp, 3 OR rejoined from detachment, 3 OR to do, 1 OR joined. Observation. 0810 18 men seen 500\* N of SUGOVO WEST going N to foot of hills, probably sentry group relieved. 1100 Blasting heard E of SUGOVO.***

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

Date – 27/1/1918

Location – Greece, DOVA TEPE

*6pm. Weather Fine. Strength 20 officers 798 OR. Detached 13 officers 62 OR. Capt J D JAMES Proceeded to Bde Bayonet Training School, **Lt C PENRUDDOCK [sic PENRUDDOCKE] " " 12 OR proceeded on detachment, 2Lt W J WALKER rejoined from DIV Grenade School, 3 OR rejoined from detachment.***

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

Date – 10/2/1918

Location – Greece, DOVA TEPE

*6pm. Weather Fine. Strength 20 officers 789 OR detached 13 officers 68 OR. **LT C PENRUDDOCKE rejoined 1 OR from detachment, 2nd Lt R MEYRICK proceeded to Army Training School LT J J CHICHESTER } 2nd LT W WESTON } admitted to 78 FA sick, 7 OR to Detachment.***

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

Date – 15/4/1918

Location – Greece, KIREC

*6pm. Weather Fine Strength 20 officers 843 OR Detached 8 officers 62 OR. 2Lt C NATHAM rejoined from Detachment 6 OR rejoined from Detachment **Lt C PENRUDDOCKE proceeded to Div PT and BT School 2 OR to detachment 1 OR joined unit Company training***

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

Date – 28/4/1918

Location – Greece, KIREC

*6pm. Weather Fine Strength 20 officers 835 OR Detached 8 officers 70 OR Lt C PENRUDDOCKE rejoined unit 2 OR rejoined 1 OR to detachment. Coy training*

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

Date – 28/7/1918

Location – France, Martin Eglise

*Weather Fine Strength 25 Officers 839 ORs Detached 9 Officers 93 ORs. Major H.V. BAYLISS MC proceeded on leave to U.K. LIEUT R.H. YEOMAN proceeded on detachment to DIVISIONAL SIGNAL SCHOOL 26 ORs " " " " " 3 ORs proceeded on detachment, 6 ORs rejoined from leave in U.K. 1 OR struck off strength, 1 OR attachment joined. 10 OR joined unit from Inf Base Depot. No 33089 Pte ROBERT MONCRIEFF 7th WILTS RREGT awarded MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL in recognition of his gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field (26 Div No/A 5417/37 dated 3/7/1918). T/CAPT R.A.F. LAW MC } T/CAPT H.L. WESTLAKE } **Mentioned in despatches** 17060 Sgt BURKE T.A. D.C.M } dated 25/3/18. 17086 A/Cpl Dutch R.J. } **PROMOTIONS (Officers) 2/LIEUT (T/LIEUT) C.PENRUDDOCKE to be LIEUTENANT 1/1/18 Authority Supp LONDON GAZ 10.6.18 2/LIEUT H.T. NEWTON to be LIEUTENANT 19.1.18 Authority Supp LONDON GAZ 13.6.18***

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

Date – 21/8/1918

Location – France, Martin Eglise

*Weather fine. Strength 29 Off 477 ORs Detached 15 Offs 547 ORs Lt C PENRUDDOCKE proceeded on leave to U.K 18 ORs proceeded on leave to U.K 2 ORs Struck off Strength detached 1 ORs admitted to Hospital 4 ORs returned from detachment. Individual training.*

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

Date – 8/9/1918

Location – France, Martin Eglise

*Weather fine. Strength 31 Officers 664 ORs. Detached 14 Officers 260 ORs. 2Lt A S Merriweather proceeded to UK on course Lt C Penruddock rejoined from leave to UK Lt W H Scorer rejoined from leave to UK 19 ORs rejoined from leave to UK 2 ORs rejoined from detachment 1 OR rejoined from hospital 1 OR attached struck off strength 1 OR proceeded on detachment*

(Source: The War Diaries of 7th Bn Wiltshire Regiment – [The Wardrobe](#))

## Templeux-Le-Guerard British Cemetery

Templeux-le-Guerard is a village 26 kilometres east of Peronne, France and Templeux-le-Guerard British Cemetery is south-east of the village on the road to Haricourt.

The village was taken early in April, 1917, lost on the 21st March, 1918, and retaken by the 15th Suffolks of the 74th (Yeomanry) Division on the following 18th September. Templeux-Le-Guerard British Cemetery was begun by the 59th Division in April, 1917, and carried on by other units until August, 1917, and again in September and October, 1918. It was largely increased after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the battlefields (of April, 1917, and March and September, 1918) surrounding the village; and in 1930 the British graves from two cemeteries, Gouy British Cemetery & Ste Emilie British Cemetery, Villers-Faucon were brought in.

There are now over 750 World War I casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly a quarter are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 16 soldiers from the United Kingdom, known or believed to be buried among them. The cemetery covers an area of 2509 square metres and is enclosed on three sides by a low rubble wall. (CWGC)



**Templeux-le-Guerard British Cemetery** *used with permission from David Milborrow*



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### **Newspaper Report:**

**LIEUTENANT CHARLES PENRUDDOCKE**, Wiltshire Regiment, killed on October 4, was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Penruddocke, of Compton Park, Salisbury. He had relinquished his commission a few months before the war, but immediately on the outbreak he rejoined, and was posted to a battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment, with which he remained until his death. He had spent three winters on the Salonkia front, where he was wounded in November last year, proceeding to another front in the summer of this year with his battalion. He was 25 years of age, and was educated at Clifton and Sherbourne, where he proved himself a good athlete as a runner and also gained his house colours. His colonel writes:- "I need hardly say how much I feel his loss,

as he was one of the best and bravest fellows I know. He was doing extraordinarily good work at the time, and was invaluable to me and the brigade. The battalion have lost a very good friend." Of his two brothers, the younger was killed in action on the Salonika front in April, 1917, while the second and surviving one was wounded at the battle of the Somme and was awarded the M.C.

*The Times* (London, England), Monday, Nov 04, 1918; pg. 6;

Administration (with Will) in the estate of Charles Penruddocke, the younger of Compton Park, Salisbury, who died 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1918 in France - was granted on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1918 in London to Annie Elizabeth Dickenson Marie Carew Brampford Penruddocke (wife of Charles Penruddocke elder). Effects £229

Charles Penruddocke is also remembered with a plaque in St Michael's Church at Compton Chamberlayne

IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLES PENRUDDOCKE  
LIEUTENANT 7<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE WILTSHIRE REGIMENT  
THE DEARLY LOVED ELDEST SON OF CHARLES AND ANNIE  
E. PENRUDDOCKE KILLED IN ACTION AT GOUY NEAR  
LE CATELET IN FRANCE (HINDENBURG LINE) ON  
OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 1918 AGED 25 YEARS.

*"Thy will be done."*



*(Photo by Neil MacDougall)*

A Memorial notice was placed in the newspaper on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1940

**PENRUDDOCKE** – *In ever-loving memory of our darling boy, CHARLES PENRUDDOCKE, Lieut., 7<sup>th</sup> Batt, Wiltshire Regiment, killed in action at Gouy, near Le Catelet (Hindenburg Line), France, Oct. 4, 1918.*