Charles Edwin ANDERSON: No. 7/1327 Enlisted: 15 June 1915 Aged: Almost 19 years Occupation: Clerk in the N.Z. Government Railways Marital Status: Single Next of Kin: John James Anderson, St. Andrews, Timaru Religion: Presbyterian Military Service: Army Embarked: 14 August 1915 on the "Tofua" 6th Canterbury Mounted Rifles, Trooper Arrived: Suez 19th September 1915 Theatres of Operation: Gallipoli and Egypt Military Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal, 1914-1918 Star Death: 24 February 1986

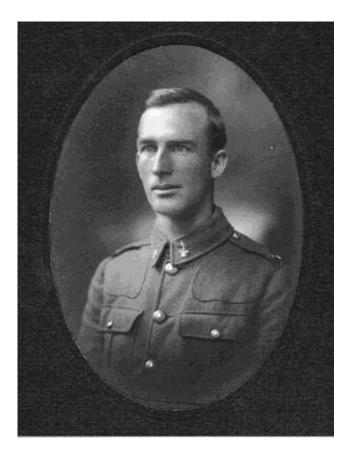
Charles was born on 28th July 1896 and like his brothers he was educated at St. Andrews School, Timaru. He was the 10th child of the thirteen children of John James Anderson and Julia (nee BISHOP). Four of their children died in infancy and appallingly two other children died of whooping cough on the same day in 1892. Having lost four children they must have been distressed to see four of their remaining sons go to war. Thankfully the war had ended before the three youngest were old enough to enlist.

When Charles enlisted in June 1915 in the Canterbury Mounted Rifles he was employed as a clerk in the N.Z. Government Railways in Christchurch. He left New Zealand on the "Tofua" in August 1915 and arrived at Suez on 19th September.

Charles served in Gallipoli and then in Egypt but was dogged by tonsillitis and general ill health. He was invalided out of Gallipoli, recovered and served in Egypt for a short time, where he again became ill with *"vomiting, weariness and influenza"*. He improved for a time and then contracted paratyphoid A in March 1916 and was considered unfit for further service and shipped back to New Zealand on the "Ulimaroa" from Suez on 21st May 1916 and so ended his military service.

On resuming civilian life he married Anne Maria WELSH in 1918 and they had a son John who had a family of two children and then a second son, David, who had four children. For a time he was a storekeeper in Sheffield and during his long life he trained trotters.

Charles died on 24th February 1986, aged 89.



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