

## Private 132884 Cyril George Hicks Worth

Mortor Mason or farmworker of Hengar Cottage, St Tudy

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

Born 4<sup>th</sup> March 1899

Died 18<sup>th</sup> April 1918 aged 19

Cyril's father Arthur Worth worked as a 'mortor mason' and married Mary Ann (nee Hicks) who was born in Blisland. They lived in Hengar Cottage, St Tudy, now forming part of Ian and Rita Hodges' home. The 1911 Census estimates the year of his parents' marriage and Cyril's birth as 1899. He had a brother, Horace Lonzel, born 10 years later who survived into the next century dying in Bodmin in 2003.

Cyril joined his older cousin Albert Charles Worth at St Tudy School on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1903 and attended for the next 10 years. His first job in 1913 was either as a mortor mason with his father and cousin or possibly working on a nearby farm.

Cyril enlisted at Bodmin on 2 April 1917 and served in the Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Sent to France, his unit was "more or less surrounded by the enemy near Merville". Cyril volunteered to accompany the Sergeant in Charge to examine the position to see in what direction they could retire. "On proceeding they came upon a number of Germans who suddenly opened fire on them. Cyril fell, instantly killed. His Sergeant was wounded and taken prisoner".

Cyril is remembered with honour Vieille-Chapelle New Military Cemetery,  
Lacouture