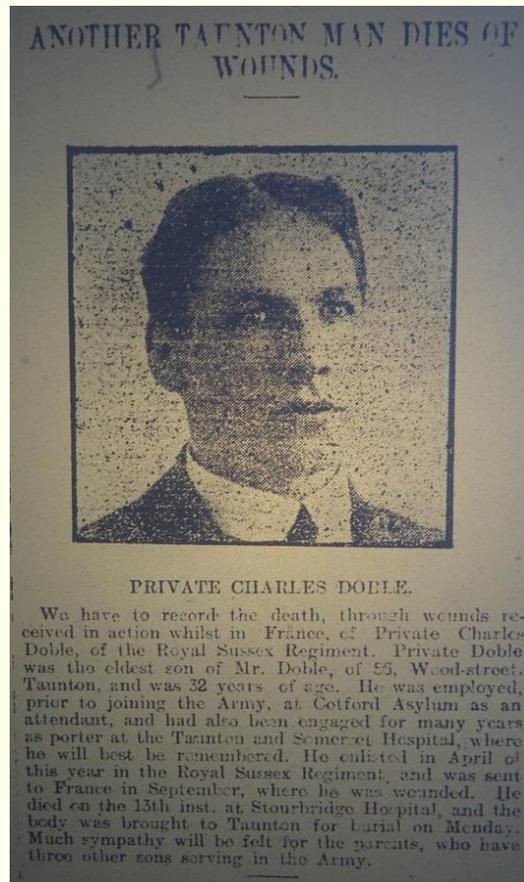


**ST JAMES CHURCH TAUNTON**

**WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL PROJECT**

**Charles Doble**



**Name:** Charles Doble

**Rank:** Private

**Service Number:** G/15672

**Regiment:** Royal Sussex Regiment

**Battalion:** 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

**Date/year of Birth:** About 1884

**Place of Birth:** Dunkeswell Abbey, Devon

**Place of Residence:** Somerset and Bath Lunatic Asylum,  
Cotford, Norton Fitzwarren

**Date of Death:** 13th December 1916

**Place of Death:** Stourbridge Hospital (Died Of Wounds)

**Burial/Memorial:** Taunton St James

Charles Doble lived and worked at the asylum in Cotford, a few miles outside Taunton, where he was a nurse. His mother and father lived at 56 Wood Street and had four sons serving in the Army. Following Charles' death from wounds received in action he was buried in the St James Cemetery in Taunton. A few months after his death the following letter appeared in the Somerset County Gazette, dated 10th March 1917 :

**"TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PTE. C. DOBLE, ROYAL SUSSEX  
REGIMENT**

Sir,- It was with great sorrow that I read of the death of Private C. Doble in your paper. He will be sadly missed at Taunton and around the district by the staff at the Asylum, Cotford. Charlie was a thoroughly good chum, had always a smile that was very infectious, and a cheery word for everyone. Well was he termed "one of the best!" He took a keen interest in the dances, whist drives, etc., that were often held at the institution. In his profession as nurse he had sterling qualities, being gentle and patient, tactful and sympathetic, and was loved by all with whom he came in contact. As a soldier I did not know Charlie so well, but I feel sure that all the men in his Company would love him. This is a very small tribute, indeed, to such a splendid fellow, but he has won the greatest tribute of all, for "Blessed is he that giveth his life for his friends." May I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere sympathy with his wife and parents in their sad loss, and may their sorrow be mitigated by the knowledge that he died a soldiers death in the service of his country.

Yours truly,

(Sergt.) Bert Smith, Late PASLI, Rawalpindi, India."