

CHARLES GORDON WINSTONE

Army Number 2234

Lance-Corporal, 4th Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders

Killed in action in France on 18 May 1915, aged 20

Address: Ewlyn, Leckhampton Road

He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial and on his father's grave in St Lawrence's Churchyard, Swindon Village. He is named on the Leckhampton, Cheltenham and Pate's Grammar School War Memorials.

Charles Winstone was the son of Gordon Arthur Winstone, a retired farmer who was living at the above address before the war. He was educated at Cheltenham Grammar School between 1903 and 1909.

He enlisted in the 4th (Territorial) Battalion, Cameron Highlanders at Inverness, which arrived in France in February 1915. He was wounded the following month and was sent to a hospital at Boulogne. He recovered and took part in the battle of Festubert in May. In this battle the Camerons and troops of the Bedfordshire Regiment attempted to capture a German communications trench and a nearby group of houses but were driven back and overrun. The assault was a costly failure, and the 4th Camerons lost 13 officers and 215 men including their Commanding Officer. Charles Winstone too was killed during this battle.

The memorial at Le Touret, near Festubert, where Charles Winstone was killed

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Charles Gordon Winstone's name on his parents' grave in St Lawrence's Churchyard,
Swindon Village

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