

**In Memory of
Private Charles James LEWIS
7717, 1st Bn, Wiltshire Regiment
Who resided in Faringdon and died on 26 August 1914
Remembered with honour
CAUDRY OLD COMMUNAL CEMETERY**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Caudry is a town some 13 km east of Cambrai on the south side of the main road (N43) to Le Cateau.

Caudry town was the scene of part of the Battle of Le Cateau on the 26th August 1914, and from that date it remained in German hands until the 10th October 1918, when it was captured by the 37th Division. It had been a German centre for medical units, and during October 1918 and the following five months the 21st, 3rd, 19th, and 49th Casualty Clearing Stations passed through it.

There are now over 100, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, one-third are unidentified and three, which cannot now be exactly located, are represented by special memorials. Five, identified as a group but not individually, are marked with headstones bearing the additional words "Buried near this spot". This cemetery contained also French, German and Russian graves.

The low curb on which the names of the British soldiers are inscribed was erected by the people of Caudry (whose War Memorial includes a representation of the entrance of British troops into the town); it has been supplemented by recumbent headstones.

Battle of Coudry-Le Cateau.

Battalion Diary for 26/8/1914: Location: France, Coudry. Wilts held N.E. edge of Coudry the whole morning, where heavily shelled and attacked by Infantry and suffered 80-100 casualties. The following officers were wounded, Lieuts Loder-Symonds, Brown and Carrington. When retirement was ordered Wilts fell Back to Beaurevoir. In a later action Cpt. W.C. Loder-Symonds, Wilts Regiment, of Hinton Manor, Faringdon, was wounded and taken prisoner.