



**IN MEMORY OF**  
**Corporal**  
**CHARLES WILLIAM FORSEY**  
**1566327, Seaforth Highlanders**  
**who died on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1945 Aged 26**

*Son of William John and Mary Forsey, husband of Kathleen Joan Forsey of Charmouth in Dorsetshire. Father of John Forsey.*

Remembered with Honour



**Charles William Forsey** was born on 27.4.1919 in Chideock in Dorset. He was the son of William John Forsey (1865 -1943) who died in Bridport at the age of 78. William John married Mary Jane Young (born 1876) in 1897 in the Registered District of Bridport. Both William John and Mary Jane were born in Chideock.

*In the 1891 Census William John is living at East View, Chideock with his parents – he is 26 years old and a General Labourer. His parents are George Forsey and Mary A.Forsey.*

*In 1901 Census William John is living with his wife in Vale, Guernsey, Channel Islands and working as a Foreman Gardener. This is where their daughter Elsie May was born in 1901.*

*In 1911 Census they are living at Yenhay, Chideock and have Minnie (born 1902), Mary Ann (born 1904), William George (born 1906) and Lillian (born 1911). His occupation is Gamekeeper.*

*In 1918 List of Electors William John is registered at Yenhay, Stanton St. Gabriel*

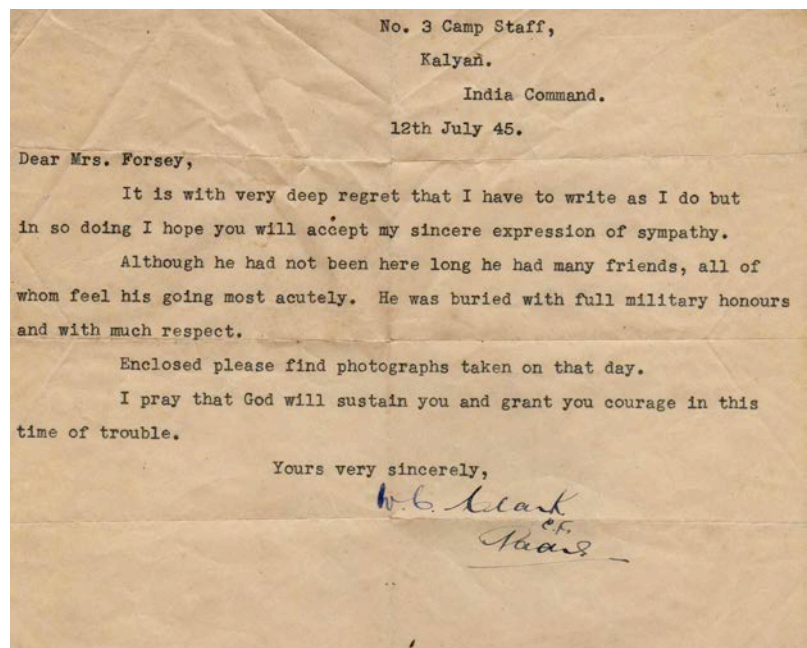
**Charles William Forsey** married Kathleen Joan Eliot in July/Aug/Sep 1943 and Kathleen gave birth

enlistment papers show he was 5ft6 1/2", 194lb with brown hair. He was first in the 9<sup>th</sup> Anti Aircraft Division formed in 1940 and then to H.Q. Anti Aircraft Division. His wife Kathleen worked as a Land Girl at Venn Farm for the Ashford family.



*Charles, Kathleen and baby John (aged 7 months)*

Charles William Forsey died on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1945 in India and a letter of condolence was written to his widow by W.Clark, Padre enclosing photographs of his grave in Sewri Cemetery.



*Letter of Condolence from W.C. Clark – No.3. Camp Staff.*

Kirkee War Cemetery Grave Ref: 2.K.13



*Photograph taken on a visit arranged by the British Legion*

Kirkee, also known as Khadki, is a Military Cantonment adjoining the large university town of Poona on the Plateau above Bombay

KIRKEE WAR CEMETERY was created to receive Second World War graves from the western and central parts of India where their permanent maintenance could not be assured.

The cemetery contains 1,668 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War. There are also 629 First World War servicemen buried in the cemetery in unmarked graves in the grassed area between the Memorial and the Cross of Sacrifice, and who's names are recorded on the KIRKEE MEMORIAL.

The KIRKEE MEMORIAL stands within the cemetery and commemorates more than 1,800 servicemen who died in India during the First World War, who are buried in civil and cantonment cemeteries in India and Pakistan where their graves can no longer be properly maintained. This total includes the names of 167 servicemen buried in Deolali Government Cemetery whose graves are currently being reinstated by the Commission, and 629 servicemen mentioned above whose remains were brought from Bombay(Sewri) Cemetery for re-interment here in 1962.



Form E.1.

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The Director, Graves Registration and Graves Registration and Exhumation, as appropriate, and the following number:-

**THE WAR OFFICE, (A.G.13),**  
32, Grosvenor Gardens,  
London, S.W.1.

India 22-101 19th November 1945  
/A.G.13

Dear Madam,

I have to inform you that your husband  
No. 1566327 Corporal C.W. Forsey,  
The Seaforth Highlanders,  
is buried in Bombay (Sewri) Cemetery  
India. Plot No. 10 Row C Grave No. 5.

Yours faithfully,  
*Mrs. Forsey*

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**Charles William Forsey is Remembered with Honour on The Chideock War Memorial.**

