

Stanley Thomas Bishop

Fir Tree Cottage, Station Road, Holmes Chapel

Killed in Action 20th April 1918

The home of the Bishop family



His Story

Stanley Thomas Bishop was born in 1891 at Cheetham Hill Manchester, the son of Archibald and Elizabeth Bishop. Archibald was a commercial traveller originating from London

By 1901 he was living at Park House Cranage and in 1911 he was at Fir Tree Cottage, Station Road Holmes Chapel.

He was working as a cotton piece salesman and aged 22.

His War Record

Initially in the Denbigh Yeomanry he enlisted as a private at Eccleston into the 15th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment on 30th October 1916 with nr 49735. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 7th November 1916. In April 1917 he was wounded in the head and then in June he was again wounded, this time in the foot. There were various reports in the Parish Magazine which suggest he had a further spell in hospital due to sickness until February 1918. On 20th April 1918 he was killed in action aged 29.

He is buried in grave I.D.453 at Martinsart Military Cemetery. Martinsart, on the Somme, was close to the Allied front line from March to August 1918. Martinsart British Cemetery was begun at the end of June 1916, when 14 men of the 13th Royal Irish Rifles, killed by a shell, were buried. It was used as a front-line cemetery until October 1916 and again in September 1918, when bodies were brought in from the battlefields for burial by V Corps.