

Harry Blease

Holmes Chapel

Killed in Action 3rd September 1917

Theipval Memorial where Harry Blease is recorded.



His Story

He was born in 1898 at Church Hulme, the son of John and Harriet Blease. His siblings, all born at Holmes Chapel, were John born 1891; Clara born 1897; Wilfred (q.v.) born 1896 and Harriet Joy born 1901.

In the 1901 Census all the family were living in Holmes Chapel Village, with Harry aged 3 years.

In the 1911 Census the family were still at Holmes Chapel Village with Harry, aged 13 and at school.

His War Record

Harry joined the Cheshire Regiment with the number 14512 but was later posted to the 2nd Battalion of the South Lancashire Regiment with the number 15501.

He was killed in action on 3rd September 1916. He has no known grave. He is remembered on Pier and Face 7A and 7B of the Thiepval Memorial in Belgium.

The Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916.

Harry was the youngest Holmes Chapel serviceman to be killed at the age of only 18.