

# Wilfred Blease

Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel

## Returned

**The Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** is a silver medal for distinguished service, or for gallantry, principally by non-commissioned officers of all of the British armed forces and of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service. Also the house where Wilfred lived on Macclesfield Road.



### His Story

Wilfred was born in 1896 to John (who was a highways labourer) and Harriet Blease (married for the second time) in Holmes Chapel. He was brother to John, four years his senior, who also joined the forces.

In 1901 he was at Macclesfield Road Holmes Chapel aged 5 and was still there in 1911 aged 15 when he was working as a clerk at the corn mill.

His death is registered at Crewe on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1956 when he was aged 61. He is buried at Church Hulme and had been a resident at The Limes, Macclesfield Road.

### His War Record

Wilfred was registered for the services on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1915 at the age of 20. His height was reported as 5ft 8½in.

He was posted to the Army Ordnance Corps (later RAOC) with number 06048. On the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1916 he was abroad in Mesopotamia having been appointed Lance Corporal in April 1916. On 28<sup>th</sup> January 1917 he was in Basra.

He received a further promotion to Corporal in August 1917 and on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1918 he was awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal** (reason not known)

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1919 he was appointed Warrant Officer 1 Staff Sergeant.

It was not until September 1919 that he returned to England for demobilisation which took place on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1919 at the Dispersal Unit, Prees Heath.