

Joseph Edward Bolshaw

Church View, Holmes Chapel

Returned

The home of the Bolshaw family



His Story

Edward was born on 3 August 1893 to Joseph and Edith Bolshaw who at the time were living in Wheelock Heath. At some time later they moved to Holmes Chapel because in 1900 Edward is enrolled at the Holmes Chapel School.

The census of 1901 shows the family living in the Village of Holmes Chapel and Edward is aged 7. He was living with his parents and three brothers Frank, Frederick and Herbert who all joined the forces during the war.

By 1911 Edward had left the family home and was living at Offley House, Sandbach; aged 17 and carrying out dairy work.

In 1917 he married Rosa Mary Woodcock at Church Hulme.

His War Record

Joseph joined the Royal Field Artillery as a bombardier in April 1915 with Number W3057.

He was reported wounded and in hospital in July 1918 but not thought to be serious and he was discharged the following month and returned to duty.

He received the Victory and British Medals and Star – qualifying date 24 December 1915.

According to the Absent Voters list of 1919 his home was the Village Holmes Chapel. His service number was still 3057 and he was serving in B Battalion, 121 Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.