

Herbert Bolshaw

Church View, Holmes Chapel

Returned

The home of the Bolshaw family.



His Story

Herbert was born in 1897 to Joseph and Edith Bolshaw who lived in the village of Holmes Chapel. Joseph was a butcher who had been born in Holmes Chapel himself. Herbert had three brothers, Frederick, Frank and Edward.

In 1901 he was living at Church View in Holmes Chapel aged 4. Ten years later in 1911 he was still at the family home aged 14 and working as a poultry lad.

He married Elizabeth May Whitburn at Church Hulme in 1920.

A Herbert Bolshaw died in 1964 in the Crewe district aged 67.

His War Record

It was reported in the Parish Magazine that Herbert joined the Royal Field Artillery in April 1915.

In September 1917 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Certificate for connecting telephone wires under heavy shell fire and thus keeping the battery in action.

In December 1917 he was badly gassed and his eyesight affected but it was hoped only temporarily. In January 1918 he was in a convalescent camp and discharged in March 1918.

According to the Absent Voters list 1919 his home was the Village and he was a member of 9-310 Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, service number 3056 Bombardier.