

Hubert Bright

Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel

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His Story

Hubert was born in February 1897 and at the time of the 1901 census he was living at 22 Stowell Street, Pendleton aged 4. He was living with his father William John (a dock labourer) mother Fanny, an older brother Richard and sister Mary.

By 1911 he was aged 14 and working as an errand boy at the wallpaper works. All the children were at home but his mother aged 51 had been widowed.

His occupation in the wallpaper trade is his link with Holmes Chapel as several families moved from Salford at about this time to the wallpaper works in the village. By the time he enlisted into the army he was an invoice clerk.

In December 1921 he married Dorothy Woodcock from Congleton and in 1929 records show he and his family emigrated to the USA. The US 1930 census shows them living at Bergen, New Jersey.

His War Record

On the 24th October 1917 at the age of 19 Hubert enlisted at Middlewich. His occupation was listed as invoice clerk and his height 5ft 3½ in.

He joined the Reserve Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment with number 39589 and was posted Italy.

He was discharged from the army around March 1919.

This information is not consistent with the Parish Magazine which says Hubert Bright enlisted into the Army Ordnance Corps in November 1915 and not 1917. In August 1916, he was reported to be in hospital at home (presumably meaning in England) and making satisfactory progress. He was (again?) in hospital in December 1918 and doing well.

According to the Absent Voters list of 1919 his home address was Middlewich Road. He had a service number 32580, and served as A Co. 1st South Staffordshire Regiment.