

Sydney Cotton

The Croft, Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel

Returned

British Vickers machine gun crew near Ovillers during the Battle of the Somme, July 1916.



His Story

Sydney was born to George Cotton (from Hassell) and his wife, Martha on 7th October 1885.

They lived in 1891 in Wheelock Street Middlewich where George ran a drapery business. By 1901 the family had moved to Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel. His father now ran the Horticultural Buildings business which was on the site of the FADS wallpaper factory where they also had a private house. Sydney was working as a moulder. By this time his father was a widower.

He was a keen sportsman both at golf and cricket being a noted cricketer for Holmes Chapel before the war. His younger brother Henry Cotton achieved international fame as a golfer

Sydney eventually died in Nov 1974 in Buckinghamshire aged 89.

His War Record

Sydney joined the Army Service Corps and in August 1915 was reported serving abroad. He later joined the Machine gun Corps.

He was distinguished by conspicuous bravery between July 27th and Aug 2nd 1916 in the battle of the Somme, and awarded the Military Medal.