

James Leonard Cumberlidge

Knutsford Road, Holmes Chapel

Killed in Action 31st August 1918

The home of the Cumberlidge family



His Story

He was born in October 1893 in Holmes Chapel, the son of James Cumberlidge a farm labourer and his wife Mary. He was living in Holmes Chapel in 1901 but by 1911 he had moved and was the 'Hall Boy' at the house of W. L. Gladstone of Broad Green, Liverpool. He may have moved from there because he enlisted at Clitheroe in Lancashire.

James Leonard appears to have been recorded in error twice on the Church Roll of Honour, once as James L. Cumberlidge and once as Leonard Cumberlidge.

His War Record

Leonard Cumberlidge joined the 4th East Lancashire Regiment in December 1914, before enlisting into the Machine Gun Corps with Nr 3239.

The Parish Magazine reports that in August to October 1916 he was in hospital due to sickness. He was killed in action on 31st August 1918 in France and Flanders aged 25.

He has no known grave but is commemorated on Panel 10 Vis-en-Artois Memorial. Vis-en-Artois is a village in the Department of the Pas-de-Calais, on the road from Arras to Cambrai. The villages of Vis-En-Artois and Haucourt were taken by the Canadian Corps on 27 August 1918. The cemetery was begun immediately afterwards and was used by fighting units and field ambulances until the middle of October. It was increased after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the battlefields of April-June 1917 and August and September 1918.