

Harold Forshaw

Holmes Chapel

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His Story

Harold was born on 11th April 1896 in Winsford. His father, Richard, a bookkeeper was from Prescott and his mother, Mary Ellen from Winsford.

Harold had a number of siblings-- Harry born c 1880 in Heaton Norris, Joseph born c 1882 at Winsford; Sydney born c 1884 and Ernest born c 1891 in Prescott.

In the 1901 Census Harold was recorded as living at 253 Station Rd, Winsford, and aged 4. Ten years later he is living with his brother Ernest at his aunt's house and working as a labourer.

On 2 April 1916 he married Ada Davies at Church Hulme and his son Reginald was born 1 August 1916.

He died in 1978 in the Congleton & Crewe District aged 82.

His War Record

Harold had a couple of spells with the army. He initially enlisted at Chester on 1st May 1915 and served 262 days with the Army Service Corps. On 15th February 1916 he was discharged – his left eye had been destroyed in an accident before he joined.

On 4 July 1917 Harold enlisted again with the 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment. He was aged 21 yrs 3 months and his height recorded as 5ft 7¾in.

On 3 August 1917 he was posted to 58th Training Battalion and then to 49th Battalion. On 3rd September 1917 he was posted to Army Service Corps Depot and on 20 December 1917 he was finally discharged as no longer fit for the same reason as his initial discharge.