

Leonard Hathway

Dane Terrace, Cranage Road, Holmes Chapel

Killed in Action 23th October 1918

The home of Leonard Hathway



His Story

Leonard Hathway was born in August 1897 in Leicester. The family seemed to move quite a bit because in 1901 he was living at Bruton Lane, Dursley, Gloucestershire aged 3.

By 1911 aged 13 he was at Dane Terrace, Cranage Road, Holmes Chapel. He was the son of Alice and George Henry Hathway, a postman.

He was one of 9 children at the time who had been born in places as far apart as Cork and Aldershot and it appeared only the last two aged 1 and 3 were born in the vicinity of Holmes Chapel.

His War Record

Joined the 7th Cheshire Regiment in December 1914. He was later transferred to the Royal Field Artillery, Nr. 831298 where he was a shoeing smith. In July 1916 the Parish Magazine reported that he was in hospital abroad suffering from sickness.

In November 1916 he was in hospital again as a result of a wound and in January 1917 he was still in hospital in England but was discharged back to his unit in April that year. In June 1918 he was reported missing and he was still missing in September. There was no further news.

He was with the Royal Field Artillery, 9th Divisional Ammunition Col QN Railhead when he died on 23rd October 1918 in Italy. He received the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

He was buried in Plot 1, Row H, grave 11 at Dueville Communal Cemetery Extension in Italy. Commonwealth forces were at the Italian front between November 1917 and November 1918, and rest camps and medical units were established at various locations in northern Italy behind the front, some of them remaining until 1919. From April 1918 to the early months of 1919, the 9th, 24th and 39th Casualty Clearing Stations occupied the village school at Dueville and used the extension to the communal cemetery for the burial of those who died of wounds or disease.