

Herbert Johnson

Fir Tree Cottage, Station Road, Holmes Chapel

Killed in Action 21th August 1918

The Adanac Military Cemetery where Herbert Johnson is buried.



His Story

The Johnson family were living at Kermincham in 1911 and from the jobs they held they probably were living at Kermincham Hall or close by.

At the time Herbert was 12 years old and was at school. His father, William was a domestic gardener and his eldest daughter Margaret a housemaid.

His War Record

The Parish Magazine reports that he was called up in March 1917 and joined the Cheshire Regiment where he was a private with number 51596. In 1918 he was reported killed in action and his date of death recorded as 21st August 1918 when he was aged 19. He is buried at Adanac Military Cemetery, Miramont, Somme, France, Grave IV.D.28.

The villages of Miraumont and Pys were occupied on 24-25 February 1917 following the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line. They were retaken by the Germans on 25 March 1918, but recovered by the 42nd (East Lancashire) Division on the following 24 August.

It would appear Herbert Johnson was killed during the attack to re-take Miraumont and Pys in late August 1918.