

# William Henry Johnson

Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel

## Returned

British Military Medal as awarded to William Henry Johnson



### His Story

William Henry was born at Northenden in 1897, the son of William Edward and Martha Ann Johnson.

In the 1901 Census the family were living at 28 Royle Green, Northenden, with William Henry aged 4. In the 1911 Census he was living at Kermincham, aged 14 and a working as a bootmaker.

His only Brother was Herbert Edward Johnson was killed in action Nr to Miramont on the Somme on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1918.

William married Elisa Connah and in the 1930s had 2 daughters.

In World War II William was unfit for armed service due to wounds received in the Great War. He joined the Fire Service spending time in Liverpool fighting the fires of the Blitz. He died in 1981 aged 84.

### His War Record

According to the Parish Magazine he joined the Sherwood Foresters and was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous act of gallantry in February 1918.

In September 1918 he was in hospital wounded in the left hand. He was still in hospital in December 1918 when he was reported to be not improving as quickly as hoped.

There were no further reports.

The Absent Voters list of 1919 gives his registered address at the time as Macclesfield Road. He was still with the Sherwood Foresters Nr. 82550 and a Lance-Corporal.