

Arthur E. Lea

Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel

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His Story

Arthur was born in Church Hulme in 1886, the son of William (a house painter) and Alice Lea. He had four sibling; Joe born in 1880 and Harry born in 1883 both at Peover and Norman William born 1885 and Nellie born 1889 at Holmes Chapel.

In the 1891 Census the family are living at Holmes Chapel with Arthur aged 5. In the 1901 Census the family are at Macclesfield Road, with Arthur, aged 15 who was employed as a telegraph messenger.

In the 1911 Census, he is with the 2nd Battalion of the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry in India, aged 25 and a private.

Arthur Edward Lea died in Hammersmith, London in 1945 aged 59.

His War Record

Arthur attested at Sandbach on 6th January 1908, aged 21 years 9 months; 5 feet 5½ inches tall. He joined KSLI at Shrewsbury on 9th January 1908, number 8758. He was posted to the 1st Battalion on 24th April 1908 and posted to the 2nd Battalion on 4th November 1908. He was in India from 1909 to 1913. He then served in England until being posted to the 3rd Battalion on 21st May 1915 and to the 1st Battalion on 1st June 1915.

He was appointed Corporal 23 July 1915. He received a gunshot wound to his right thigh on the 9 August 1915. Posted to the Depot 2nd September 1915, then to the 8th Battalion London Regt on 22nd October 1917, as a private, number 377774. He was transferred to Army Reserve on 2nd April 1919.

The Parish Magazine reported in September 1915 that he was in hospital (see above) wounded in the same engagement as H Upton (killed). He was still in hospital in England in November 1915.