

# Norman William Lea

Church View, Holmes Chapel

## Killed in Action 9<sup>th</sup> September 1917

Where he lived – exact house not defined



### His Story

Norman Lea was the son of Alice Anne Clarke (nee Ollier) and William Lea and was born in 1885.

He lived in Macclesfield Road for most of his life but his parents had moved to Church View at the time of the war after his father had died.

In 1911 he was a postman at Brereton Green aged 26.

### His War Record

Norman was called up in 1916 and enlisted in 16th Battalion Cheshire Regiment at Holmes Chapel and was a private with number 50309. He was killed in action in France on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1917 and is buried at Villers-Faucon Communal Cemetery Extension in grave I.F.10. He received the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

Villers-Faucon was captured by the 5th Cavalry Division on 27 March 1917, lost on 22 March 1918, and retaken by the III Corps on 7 September 1918.

The Commonwealth graves in the Communal Cemetery are those of soldiers who died in February-August 1917, or in September 1918. They were made by the cavalry, the 42nd (East Lancashire) Division, and other fighting troops.

The communal cemetery contains 227 First World War burials, five of them unidentified, and 91 German graves.