

William Leach

Goostrey Lane Farm, Cranage, Holmes Chapel

Died of Wounds 19th August 1918

A Cheshire Regiment in France/Flanders



His Story

William was the son of Agnes and William Leech and born on 22nd January 1883 at Twemlow. When he was 8 the family had moved to Med Vale Farm in Ashton under Lyne. Ten years later in 1901 he was at a farm in Cranage and 18 year old William was a labourer on the farm which was being run by his mother, now a widow. He was still there in 1911 when it was identified as Goostrey Lane Farm near Holmes Chapel.

Although spelt 'Leach' on the war memorial in Holmes Chapel he was christened 'Leech'.

His War Record

He was called up in 1916 and he joined the Cheshire Regiment, 9th Battalion, Number 50218 and fought in France and Flanders.

He was wounded in the head on 10th August 1918 and appeared, after an operation, to be recovering but succumbed to his wounds in a Base Clearing Station a few days later.

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