

John Metcalf

Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel

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The home of Annie and John Metcalf



His Story

John was born in July 1898 to Hugh (a blacksmith) and Annie Metcalf who in 1891 had been living in Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel.

By 1901 the family were living at 67 Wheler St, Chorlton and John was aged three. His brother Hugh was ten years old at the time.

According to the 1911 census Annie Metcalf is living in a cottage in the Holmes Chapel village with her son John aged 13 and her daughter. Annie, aged 48, is a widow and living on Parish Relief.

His War Record

The Parish Magazine reports that John joined the army in January 1917. In fact he enlisted on the 20th September 1916 when he was aged 18 years 2 months, was 5ft 7in tall and worked as a colour mixer's labourer (probably at the wallpaper works).

In December 1916 he was posted to the 2nd Training Battalion and in February 1917 he was transferred to Machine Gun Corps, number 84034.

In April 1917 he was part of the British Expeditionary Force in France and in June 1918 was promoted to acting Lance Corporal 37 Battery MGC.

According to the Parish Magazine in November 1918 he was in hospital suffering from wounds and in December still in hospital but slowly improving.

He was discharged from the army in January 1919 and received the Victory and British War Medals.