

Harry Sankey

Post Office, London Road, Holmes Chapel

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HARRY SANKEY. 1917



His Story

Harry was born in 1899 at Holmes Chapel, the son of Ralph and Martha Sankey. Ralph was the Postmaster for Holmes Chapel and the family lived at the Post Office.

By 1911 Ralph and Martha had 3 daughters and 2 sons, Harry and Percy living at home. Ralph was still the postmaster and two of his daughters were postal assistants. Harry was 12 and still at school.

Harry died in Holmes Chapel in 1991 aged 92.

His War Record

The Parish Magazine records In April 1917 that he was called up and joined the Royal Navy as a wireless telegraph operator

He served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (Bristol Service no Z/10094) as a telegraphist. He was based on a tug boat which was employed in the Atlantic, rescuing convoy ships that had suffered damage from German UBoats.