

Hubert Malcolm Wilson

Hermitage, Holmes Chapel

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His Story

Hubert was the brother of Charles Benjamin Wilson of the Hermitage and also served with distinction during the war. He was born, son of Hubert Malcolm and Frances Wilson, in May 1897 in Holmes Chapel and was christened at St. Luke's.

The family also resided at Upper Hall, Ledbury, Herefordshire, where Hubert was living in 1901 when the census was taken.

By the age of 13 he was at Naval College on the Isle of Wight and presumably went straight into the service when war broke out. He may not have lived in Holmes Chapel after the war, but continued to own several properties in the village. He died in Chelsea in May 1976 aged 79.

His War Record

In October 1915 the Parish Magazine reported that Hubert had been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) for gallant conduct in the Dardanelles, no doubt in support of the ill-fated Gallipoli Campaign. This medal was awarded to personnel of the Royal Navy for bravery and resourcefulness on active service at sea.

By 1916 he had been promoted to Acting Sub-Lieutenant and was fully commissioned by 1917, perhaps explaining references after his name to the DSC, the Distinguished Service Cross awarded to officers. After the war he also received the 1914/15 Star, the Victory and the British War Medals. His name, however, does not appear on the Church Roll of Honour.