

Alic Bates

Smithy, Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel

Returned

Blacksmiths on Macclesfield Road



His Story

Alic was born to Levi and Mary Bates in 1882. In 1891 he was living at Bunbury aged 9 where his father was a police constable. By 1901 the family had moved to Church Minshull where his father was now a County Court Bailiff. Alic, now aged 19 was working as a blacksmith. The 1911 census shows he was aged 29 and living at the house of his brother in law in Wistaston, Nantwich. He had continued to work as a blacksmith.

When he enlisted in the army he was working as a shoeing smith and living in Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel.

He died at Macclesfield district in November 1958 aged 76.

His War Record

He enlisted aged 32 yrs 10 months and was posted to the Army Service Corps as a Private Nr 4569. In January 1915 he was posted to the Royal Field Artillery. He was promoted to corporal in August 1916.

According to the Parish Magazine Alic had Joined the Royal Horse Guards in December 1914 but he appears to have been moved quickly into an artillery division.

He was reported to be in hospital in January 1918 and still there in March 1918. There were no further reports.

From the Absent Voters List 1919 it shows his service number was 89965 and he was a Corporal with 51R Battery of the Royal Field Artillery.